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PHON-A-THON

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KAYLEA HUTSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After four days, volunteer callers and officials for the 10th annual Phon-A-Thon say this year's pledges are right on target. The volunteers began calling Sunday to raise the Phon-A-Thon goal of \$100,000. At the close of last night's calling, \$105,097 had been pledged. Kreta Gladden, director of alumni affairs, said funds raised during the first three days—Sunday through Tuesday—are ahead of last year's pace.

"We began last year with \$48,495," she said. "That figure includes all advance gifts plus what we made that first Sunday."

"This year, with all the advance gifts and what we raised Sunday, we had \$52,435."

At the end of the first three days of the 1991 Phon-A-Thon, \$88,822 had been raised. This year, \$90,244 had been raised through Tuesday.

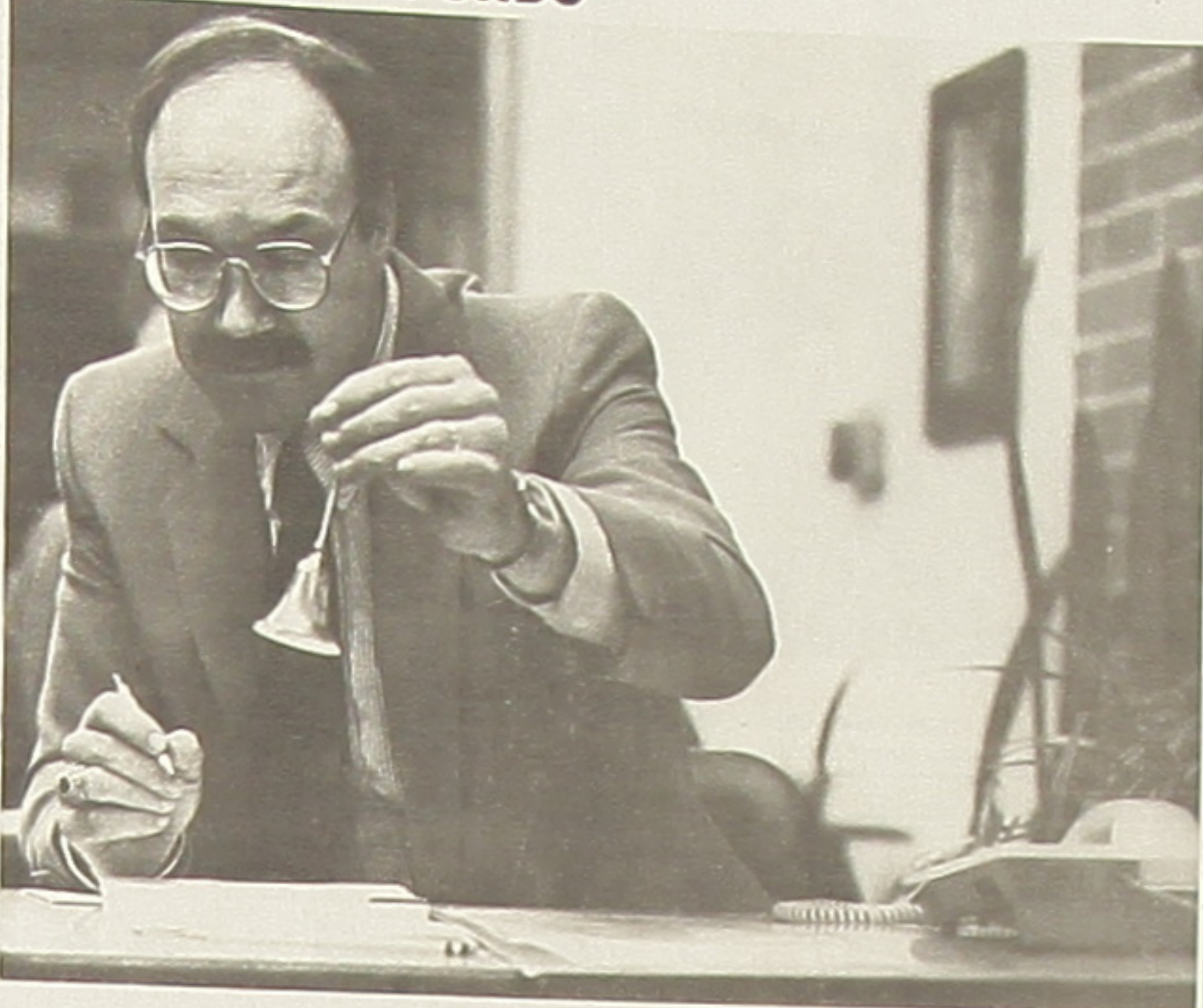
Gladden said she remains optimistic about reaching the goal.

"I think the response from the callers and their attitude at the end of the evening seem really positive," she said. "The callers seem to be having a good time."

Gladden said callers are finding the public receptive, despite worries about the economy.

"From what the callers told me, I've only heard good things," she

PHONING FOR FUNDS



Rod Surber, news bureau manager, rings a bell to signal another pledge at Tuesday night's Phon-A-Thon.

said. "It seems like we've been getting a positive response."

"Of course, not everyone is able to give, but those who can are."

Cindy Miller, senior elementary education major, said the reaction she received Tuesday night varied.

"There are more responses from the alumni than from the students," Miller said. "I heard a lot of 'Well, money is tight right now,' and several said they didn't have the money to give right now."

Melissa Kinney, junior elementary

education major, said she had similar responses.

"I had a lot of people say 'We've had a difficult time' or 'a hard year,' and that they can't make a pledge this year," Kinney said. "Nobody called it a recession; it's just either a hard time for them or they just can't make [a pledge] this year."

She said several people she called said they could not pledge because they were out of work.

Kinney said she was surprised by the number of elderly contributors.

"They have had a good response," she said. "I was surprised because I thought most would be on a fixed income and unable to give money."

Dr. Charles Thelen, associate professor of music, said only five to six people he called mentioned the recession as a reason they could not donate.

"By and large, it seems like they gave as much or more as they have in the past," he said.

The 1991 Phon-A-Thon raised \$163,518.

MISSOURI SOUTHERN FOUNDATION

Billingsly taking six-month leave

Director had fund-raiser 'under control'

By BRIAN SANDERS
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

This year's Missouri Southern Foundation Phon-A-Thon has been operating without one of its key players.

Sue Billingsly, Foundation director, will not be involved in this year's fund-raiser because of what College President Julio Leon referred to as "health reasons." Billingsly reportedly is undergoing medical treatment.

Robert Lamb, Foundation president, said Billingsly was given a six-month medical leave in December.

"We had a Foundation board meeting on Dec. 5, and she wasn't there," he said. "It was a short time after that when we granted her the leave."

Although Billingsly's leave of absence precludes her involvement in the Phon-A-Thon, Leon said she had things "under control" in advance of the fund-raiser's start. He said it is "functioning pretty well under the circumstances" with the help of Arlene Nash, Foundation secretary, and Kreta Gladden, director of alumni affairs.

"She had made all the necessary preparations in advance for the Phon-A-Thon and other Foundation events," Leon said. "So luckily, when she left, Mrs. Nash and Mrs. Gladden were able to get the Phon-A-Thon going, thanks to the good planning and work Mrs. Billingsly

had done."

Gladden also gave Billingsly credit for this year's smooth operation. "She was here for the fall," Gladden said. "She arranged a lot of this, so it is almost running itself."

"Everyone is just pitching in," Billingsly has had a major role in the Phon-A-Thon from its beginning in 1983, Leon said.

"I believe there had been an attempt at a Phon-A-Thon in 1981, the year before I became College president, but it was not very successful," Leon said. "So when I became president, she came to me with her suggestions for a Phon-A-Thon."

"Ten years ago there were not many colleges in the country that were doing phone-a-thons, so she was among the first few people in the country to get these started."

The Foundation office said Billingsly is expected to return at the end of June.

Gladden and Nash will assume her duties until that time.

In the meantime, however, Billingsly's presence "will be greatly missed," Gladden said. "We are very lucky that she did have all of her Foundation projects taken care of last fall."

One such project is the annual Southern Lantern Society dinner in April.

"She had everything organized for the dinner in advance, including the recognition committee, and that was a decision-making event," Nash said.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

Pay-per-view playoff game possible if PSU is opponent

By JEFFREY SLATTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Closed-circuit television and pay-per-view are two possibilities which will be considered if Missouri Southern's basketball team hosts a first-round MIAA playoff game.

James Frazier, men's athletic director, said if the Lions or Lady Lions finish in the top four in the conference and play host to Pittsburg State University, other options will need to be studied.

"We can seat 1,700 people in the gym," he said. "It is very likely that situation will occur like that of the PSU game last week."

In the Jan. 29 game, an overflow crowd piled into Young Gymnasium to see the Lions and Lady Lions defeat the Gorillas.

This occurred despite the fact the game was carried live on KSNF-TV, Joplin's NBC affiliate.

"I have had contact with MSTV about the possibility of putting the game on closed-circuit broadcast in Taylor Auditorium to take care of the overflow," Frazier said.

Dr. Dominic Caristi, MSTV general manager, said Frazier had contacted him about whether this was feasible.

"Technically, it is possible to run a closed-circuit broadcast into Taylor Auditorium," he said.

Caristi said the same plan would be used that was in place in case of rain during last year's graduation ceremony. In that plan, the ceremony would have been moved to Taylor Auditorium, and the overflow crowd would have been placed in Young Gymnasium to watch.

"This is the same plan in reverse," he said.

Frazier said he also has contacted Cablecom of Joplin about placing the game on one of the channels.

"This would be another possibility. Subscribers would have to buy the game for about \$10," he said.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

Joplin police ask for FBI's help

Fastrip homicide
buzzes authorities

By CHAD HAYWORTH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

When leads failed to pan out in an October murder, Joplin police turned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for assistance.

Police Sgt. Terry Foulkes said the investigation of the Oct. 3 shooting of Linda J. Adams, 38, had reached a dead end.

"We did background checks on the victim, her co-workers and employees, the witnesses, and it did not lead us to anything," he said. "This case has us puzzled."

into town, did it, and left."

In early January, police filed a report with the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (VICAP) at the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crimes at FBI Headquarters in Quantico, Va.

Joplin police filled out the 189-question VICAP form, which includes questions on the type of crime, the body's position, the weapon used, and the time the crime occurred.

"VICAP is really a computer clearing house for unsolved crimes," FBI spokesperson Kelley Cibulas told *The Chart*. "We input the questionnaire into the computer, and the crime is compared with approximately 6,000 crimes we have in the system."

The computer will analyze the information and produce a list of the 10 most similar crimes.

"When the computer comes up with the list, one of five major case analysts will review the findings," she said. "The analysts are all former homicide detectives, and they assess

cases and determine if they truly are similar."

The 13-member staff receives about 30 VICAP questionnaires per week, Cibulas said.

It takes approximately four to six weeks for the information to be processed.

The information the bureau provides to law enforcement agencies is free of charge.

"We don't get involved unless we are asked to," Cibulas said. "Our investigators will try to provide as much support for a law enforcement agency as is possible."

The VICAP program was started in 1985. Although there are no statistics on the program's success, Cibulas said VICAP is just one of many services the FBI provides for law enforcement agencies around the country.

"Sometimes the leads we provide might not turn out to be anything," she said. "But less than 70 percent of the 23,000 murders in the U.S. last year were solved, so we try to provide at least a drop in the bucket."

FEELING HIS WAY THROUGH



CHAD HAYWORTH/The Chart

Michael Lawson, assistant professor of biology, explains a model of cell structure to student Edward Price.

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

Blind student gets alternative lab

By JEFFREY SLATTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Biology labs might be difficult enough for some students, but they pose special problems for those with impaired sight.

At the Jan. 29 Student Senate meeting, treasurer Lory St. Clair announced that the academic policies committee had approved a way for blind students to complete biology courses and still fulfill laboratory requirements.

One such Missouri Southern student is Edward Price, senior computer science major. Price, 41, has been coping with the loss of his sight since 1978, when he was diagnosed with a degenerative disease. His con-

dition deteriorated slowly at first, then more rapidly. Today Price is without 95 percent of his vision.

Michael Lawson, assistant professor of biology, said Price attends the lectures and records them. Once a week, after the lab, they discuss the lab material.

"It is a less-formal type of evaluation," Lawson said.

Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs, said the academic policies committee approved a one-time alternative for Price.

"We had to consider whether or not there was even a remote possibility of danger," he said.

Along with that, Brown said the committee had to consider whether this was "educationally questionable."

He said instead of the lab, Price has an alternative type of session.

"The lab wouldn't give this person the same experience as others, and we want all students to get the best we can offer," Brown said.

St. Clair said the day the committee passed this was National Handicap Awareness Day.

Brown said the alternative plan is preferred to just permitting the student to skip the lab section.

"You don't have to short change a person," he said.

Price said so far it still has been rough and difficult.

"I aim to finish it," he said. "I've got an excellent teacher who has been bending over backwards for me. I'm sure we'll make it."

► FACULTY SENATE

Brown recommends moving summer finals

By BRIAN SANDERS

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Rescheduling final examinations during the summer semester should be considered, Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs, told the Faculty Senate Monday.

Brown raised the question of moving exams from Thursday, July 23, to Monday, July 27. The question first was brought to the Senate's attention at its Jan. 20 meeting.

"Every summer school has conformed to the format of one day of registration, 30 class meetings, one holiday, and one day for finals," he said.

Changes in the summer schedule may be necessary to accommodate incoming college freshmen, Brown said. "Summer registration would normally take place on the preceding Friday, but on that day (May 29) many incoming freshmen will still be in high school classes."

College President Julio Leon said any adjustment in the summer schedule would upset some personal plans.

"There are no devious motives," he said. "But the Senate was asked to look at the calendar, because any change in plans would change things for somebody."

Senate member Jack Spurlin said one way to shorten the summer semester by at least one day would be to add three minutes to daily class times, making classes 48 minutes

long. "This way, we would have our hours in earlier," he said.

The Senate also looked at a proposal by secretary William Kumbier to change academic policy concerning the executive committee.

According to the proposal, members of the committee should hold the rank of professor or associate professor. Assistant professors are eligible for appointment to the committee under current policy, but Kumbier said this policy may not be a good one.

"There are a number of reasons for this," he said. "One reason is that full professors who were once assistant professors had to wait 11 years before they could be considered, and they tend to value their position on the promotion committee because they have been on for a while. It also makes a better impression on this school's accreditation."

Computerized assistance in evaluating transcripts also was taken under consideration by the Senate. Duane Eberhardt suggested the College implement computerized degree checking. Brown was in agreement, but noted there were some drawbacks to the process.

"It's not quite as easy to implement as it may appear," Brown said. "But degree checks absolutely must be perfect. And many of these checks that get across the deans' desks have errors, because not all [Southern] students have never taken a class on another campus."

COMING DOWN



The shell of the old rappel tower behind the police academy is being replaced by a new tower purchased in part by donations.

► CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ROTC

\$1,000 donation to go for tower

By JOHN HACKER

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A new structure could be appearing on Missouri Southern's northern skyline in the next few months.

A \$1,000 donation by the criminal justice program will go to the construction of a new rappel tower behind the Police Academy.

"The ROTC approached me with the idea," said Jack Spurlin, director of criminal justice. "We thought about it and decided we'd help."

He said the ROTC had no money and the criminal justice program had some excess funds.

"We believe we're all in this together," Spurlin said. "This was just an opportunity for us to help out."

The criminal justice program received its money Jan. 29 when the Fraternal Order of Police donated \$1,000.

"We felt like we had an opportunity to help out the institution that trained most of our officers," said Delmar Haase, president of the order.

Spurlin said in return the police department would receive free rappelling training.

The tower's construction will be a group effort.

"The donation will go to purchase materials for the tower," said Capt. Paul Rivette, assistant professor of military science. "There is a lot of

volunteer work going into the

Rivette said International Company gave the program count price on four telephone poles. Snyder Bridge Company has teared to deliver the poles them in the ground.

Students from Franklin School will build the tower poles are set.

The tower will be more and safer than the old one.

"It will have staircase instead of a ladder," said. "The tower itself will be 40 feet tall. It will have one ing face for wall rappelling and open side for free rappelling."

Having the tower here will teaching rappelling at So more efficient.

"The instructors have to take class to Wildcat Park to rappelling said James Maupin, dean of school of technology. "It's about minutes each way, and there's a lot of learning done while in a van."

Without the donation, volunteer work the tower have been considered at this said Maj. Ervin Langan, science head.

"The military is preparing wind down, and with Pro B's failure, money is not really able within the military or the system," Langan said.

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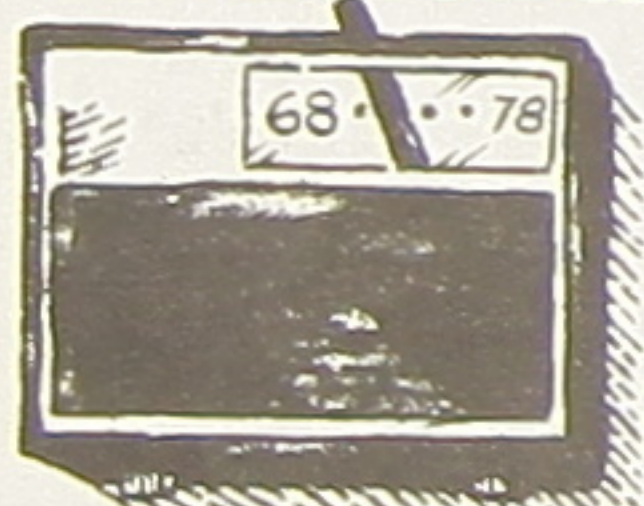
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MID-TERM SCHEDULE

Students decry class cuts

By P.J. GRAHAM
CAMPUS EDITOR

This semester's elimination of mid-term classes is not a surprise, but some students still may feel the pinch.

"This is not a new decision," said Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs.

Last semester, mid-term classes were reduced by half due to budget problems. This semester's cuts are a continuation of trimming down Missouri Southern's expenditures.

Brown said cutting the classes is painful, but there are reasons for the choice.

"Nobody is sadder about this than I," he said. "It is not because we wanted to do it. This has never been a big program for us as compared to the hundreds of line offerings given during the semester."

Brown said mid-term classes are usually offered as a "second chance" to help students catch up on needed classes and electives. Dr. Earle Doman, director of counseling services,

said the elimination may hurt students receiving financial aid. Some of these students have dropped classes, changing their status to part-time.

"It will definitely limit options," Doman said. "One option [for such students] has always been 'Well, I can pick up a mid-term.'"

Doman said students also enroll in mid-term classes if they are handling their semester schedule well and want to add to their load.

"The major impact [of the cut] will be on the students in those two categories," he said.

Doman says his office uses the classes as a last resort for students who need certain ones, but he does not encourage students to postpone classes in hopes of catching one as a mid-term.

"We operate only with what we know will be offered," he said. "We don't plan on mid-terms."

Despite any pinches the cut will make, Doman agrees with the move. "I think it is probably one of the least painful steps," he said.

The mid-term cut will save \$10,000

to \$15,000, Brown said.

Several Southern students disagree with the action despite what it saves.

"I don't think that was one way to solve the budget problems," said Shane Bryant, senior political science major. Bryant has experienced problems with scheduling when classes she needed were not available, and she believes there are better ways to cut expenses.

Bryant suggested "cutting some of the school officials' salaries until the school is back on its feet. I don't think they need to be paid that much," she said.

Charla Porter, freshman accounting major, agrees the cuts might have been better directed elsewhere.

"There's probably something that could have been done," she said. "They could have avoided cutting them [mid-term classes] all—something besides classes, surely."

Brown is uncertain whether mid-term classes will be offered next year.

"We haven't made up next year's budget," he said. "But I'm optimistic that we will be able to."

STUDENT SENATE

Bodon protests \$400 allocation

By KAYLEA HUTSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Last week's Student Senate \$400 allocation to the Modern Communications Club rather than the \$1,000 requested brought a written reply from a faculty sponsor.

The statement, read by Senate treasurer Lory St. Clair at last night's meeting, was from Dr. Hal Bodon, professor of communications. Bodon questioned the reasoning behind the Senate's decision.

The club originally requested \$400 for transportation costs and \$600 for the purchase of 40 student tickets to the Italian opera *Armada* in Tulsa.

"We were all in shock when we heard that you only appropriated \$400," Bodon wrote. "This is the first time that the Student Senate did not appropriate the funds that we need to go on a field trip."

"It is even more amazing in the fact that just last week the Student Senate gave \$1,000 to a group of eight students and another \$1,000 to a group of 25 students....Forty stu-

dents are mighty unhappy."

Bodon wrote that the amount allocated was insufficient to continue with the planned trip to Tulsa.

Student Senate President Bryan Vowels expressed his concern about the incident.

"I don't want any hostility between the Communications Club and Student Senate," he said. "I feel sorry for the people who don't get to go, but I stand behind the Student Senate's decision."

"The Senate did discuss it, and it was debated."

Vowels said no action would be taken as a result of the letter.

In other business, the Senate approved the appointment of Troy Comeau, sophomore communications major, to fill a vacant seat.

Freshman senator Jeff Talley read several suggestions left in the Senate suggestion box. One suggestion was a partial change in the KXMS-FM classical format. The change would include playing a different style of music for a few hours each day.

Vowels moved by presidential nomination to have Comeau discuss

the format changes with Richard Massa, head of the communications department.

Vowels reported that rumors surrounding the soccer program were false.

"Coach [James] Frazier (men's athletic director) said there are no intentions to drop soccer," Vowels said. "They are just trying to find a new director."

He said the athletic committee has formed a subcommittee to look into the situation.

The Senate allocated \$1,000 to Collegiate Secretaries International, \$750 to Omicron Delta Kappa, and \$1,000 to the Student Council For Exceptional Children.

Three representatives from the Pittsburg State University student senate were present. The PSU senators were taking part in an exchange with Missouri Southern.

Senior senator Lisa Werst, sophomore senator Rami Shultz, and junior senator Jon Straub attended yesterday's PSU senate meeting as part of the exchange.

PUMPING IRON



Jean Hobbs, lifetime wellness coordinator, spots Tia Strait, instructor of dental hygiene, as she curls weights last Thursday morning.

DENTAL HYGIENE

Instructors take up new form of exercise

By JASON HAASE
CHART REPORTER

A conversation between two faculty members on Jan. 8 has led to twice-a-week weight training for some dental hygiene staff members.

"It's just kind of a pilot type of program right now, and if it catches on we'll continue to dive in," said Jean Hobbs, lifetime wellness coordinator, who initially discussed the program with Nancy Karst.

Karst, assistant professor of dental hygiene, said it gives her a break to do something different and also relieves stress.

The weight lifting began Jan. 14. It takes place between 11:30 a.m. and noon Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Ummel Technology Building.

"We don't have the facility around here to do it," Hobbs said. "So I'm trying to see what we can do in the buildings."

The equipment used includes a hallway bench and dumbbells. Hobbs would like to use surgical tubing soon. They started slowly with low weights and gradually built up.

"Basically what we're working on right now is the upper body, and then we're going to start working on the lower body," said Tia Strait, instructor of dental hygiene.

Other participants are Dr. Sandra Scorse, director of the dental program, and Lou Hensen, program secretary.

Hobbs said she plans to take the group through the first six weeks. She devised a weight lifting program.

"She's been coming down and getting us started with it so we don't create bad habits and injure ourselves," Strait said.

Hobbs said she would like to extend this program to other departments. If that happens, she said she would probably hire certified instructors to help.

"I'm trying to create an interest in weight training," Hobbs said.

Hobbs believes weight lifting will increase a person's quality of life.

Bell submits resignation

By SUSAN HOSKINS
STAFF WRITER

When Dr. Eugene Bell announced his resignation, effective at the end of this semester, the school of business administration found it had some experienced shoes to be filled.

Bell, professor of business, came to Southern in 1989. He said he wants to relocate to a different area, but hopes to stay in academe.

Bell said new curriculum development for the school of business was the highlight of his career here.

"Developing a course in professional practices for the school of

business [was a unique experience]," he said.

Bell believes the emphasis on teaching at Southern is the best part of the institution.

"He gave us an expertise in assessment that we didn't have prior to his employment," said Jim Gray, dean of the school of business administration. "Dr. Bell is going to be missed."

According to Gray, growth in the school will result in a change in faculty.

"As we grow as an institution, faculty will come and go," he said. "We will grow as an institution as a result of different circumstances that happen."

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Nice teamwork

We're all in this together." How nice to hear Jack Spurlin, director of criminal justice, say that. With the mad scramble for money that budget crises bring, it is refreshing to see something like the criminal justice program's \$1,000 donation to construction of an ROTC rappelling tower.

CJAD found itself with some extra funds after the Fraternal Order of Police donated \$1,000 to the program Jan. 29.

"We felt like we had an opportunity to help out the institution that trained nearly all of our officers," Delmar Haase, president of the order, said of the FOP donation.

"This was just an opportunity for us to help out," Spurlin said of the CJAD donation.

In exchange for the financial boost, criminal justice majors will have access to a newer, safer, and much better tower on which to train.

The teamwork involved in erecting the new tower does not stop with these two groups, either.

International Paper gave the project a discount price on two telephone poles, Snyder Bridge Company will deliver the poles and place them in the ground, and students from Franklin Technical School will build the tower once the poles are set.

Major Ervin Langan, military science head, said without this effort the tower may not have been considered. We salute those who pitched in, not only for what they gave, but also for the spirit of teamwork and camaraderie they displayed.

All this work, by all these people for one 40-foot structure. Imagine if we pooled our resources for taller orders.

Just imagine.

Help wanted

There is an empty chair and some big shoes to fill at the Alumni House.

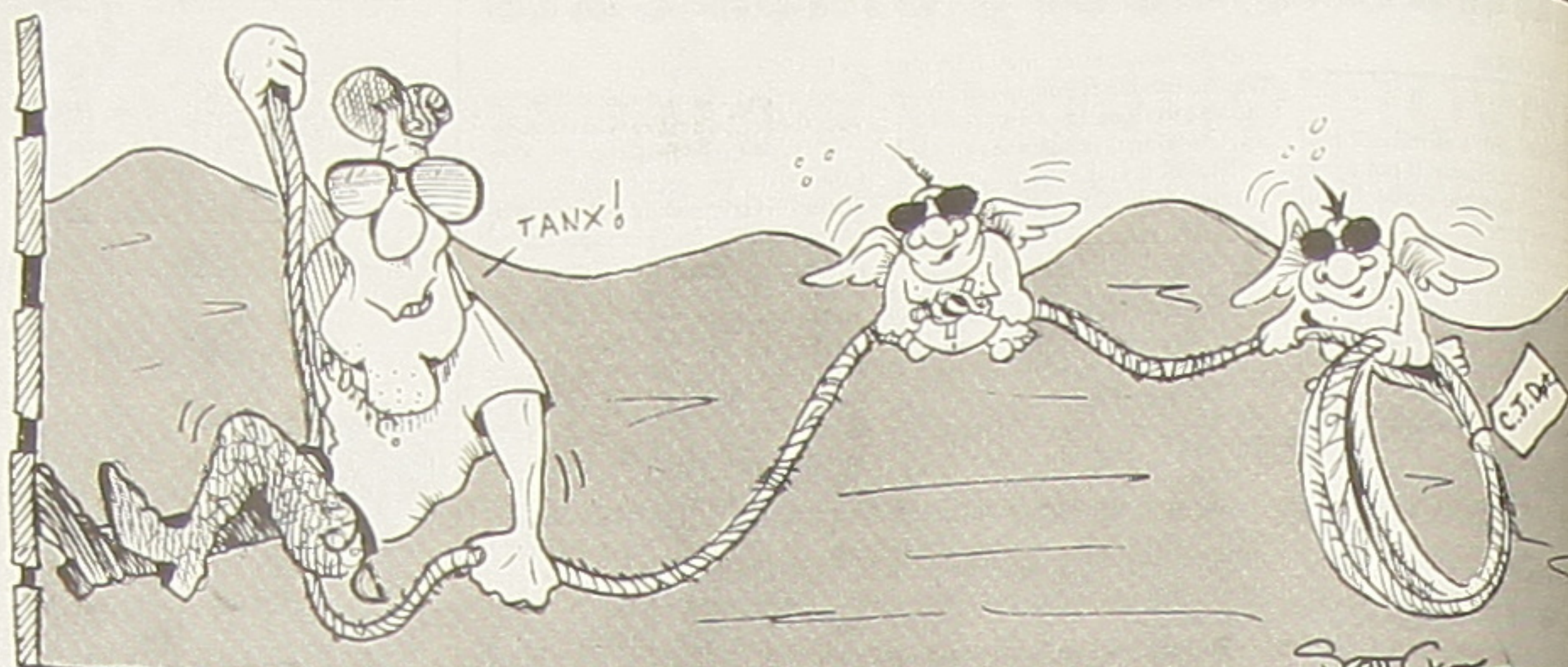
Sue Billingsly, Missouri Southern Foundation director, was given medical leave in December. Billingsly has been the driving force behind the Foundation's fundraising efforts on behalf of the College for many years. She also has been the person most closely identified with each of the Foundation's 10 Phon-A-Thons—including this one.

Before leaving, Billingsly laid much of the organizational groundwork for the 1992 Phon-A-Thon. She has left the actual administration in the capable hands of Kreta Gladden, alumni director, and the results have been outstanding.

We wish Billingsly a swift recovery and eagerly await her return. There is, however, another consideration.

The Foundation needs an interim director in Billingsly's absence. With higher education in dire financial straits, it is imperative someone have a firm grip on the fund-raising reins.

Such a move is in the best interests of the Foundation and the College. Besides, we owe it to Billingsly to give her things in as good of shape as she gave them to us.



EDITOR'S COLUMN

Let's stop searching for scapegoats

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Don't step one foot outside again today, you poor, helpless Chart reader. It could be hazardous to your health.

In today's world, many people cannot make a move without worrying that something might go wrong.

Foods, activities, products, and other things now found to be hazardous, in some way, are intimidating to even the bravest souls.

New statistics are released daily concerning hazardous chemicals, products, or activities that might kill or hurt someone.

When something happens, people stampede to find out who is to blame (and, of course, it's not them).

The action taken when something risky or dangerous is found is to legislate that risk away and sue the entity responsible, be it individual, company, or

whatever, for everything possible.

An example of this happened a few years ago when a consumer advocate group found out that four-wheel-drive, sport-utility vehicles had a tendency to roll over more often than other vehicles. An immediate outcry erupted from this group. They wanted the federal government to ban these vehicles from America's highways.

They showed test videos of vehicles rolling over and over while taking corners at high speed and lamented the risks to the American public without giving buyers the credit for knowing that, yes, the higher above the ground a vehicle sits, the more susceptible it is to rolling over in high-speed turns. No, according to the consumer group, the greedy and uncaring automobile industry was deliberately misleading the gullible American public into buying these deadly vehicles.

Using the idea that a dangerous vehicle should be banned is an interesting thought. Considering 50,000 people are killed each year on the highways, I guess that means all vehicles should be banned.

We don't want to take any risks, now do we?

Speaking of risks, I took a big one last semester. I took a job at a local convenience store working the graveyard (11 p.m. to 7 a.m.) shift. This just happen-

ed to be right after the murder of a convenience

clerk right behind Missouri Southern's residence. The outcry was immediate. "Aren't you being killed?" friends asked. "Aren't you about being robbed?"

It didn't matter that the store I worked at was on Range Line and had a 24-hour restaurant on the street. My friends at The Chart were asking me to write my obituary now and save them trouble later. (Like they say, with friends like these...)

Sure, there was a risk, but if nobody took responsibility, would man the police and fire departments world? I guess someone has to be the conscience store clerks as long as people demand to be buy gasoline at 2 a.m.

The rush to assign blame is the scary part. Everything that goes wrong and every little in life has to have a responsible party.

In the rush to control drunk driving, some want to make bar and restaurant owners responsible for the actions of patrons who drink and drive.

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IN PERSPECTIVE

'Union' talk par for course at Southern

By DR. ROBERT MARKMAN
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

Last semester's articles and editorials about AAUP (American Association of University Professors) concerned me. I wondered how a faculty member decided that an AAUP chapter could improve the College. Can you imagine a hard-working faculty member finding problems at MSSC deserving the attention of a national organization? AAUP, best known for its defense of academic freedom and tenure on college campuses, was not diminished when College management referred to it as a "union." Such talk is par for the course.

I was curious about what possibly motivated a faculty member to talk to AAUP. You have to assume this started with someone ill-informed about the campus and obsessed with small matters rather than the "big picture." Do you suppose the complaint was precipitated by the move of a large evergreen from one part of the campus to another? Do you think faculty should be concerned with such piddling matters? Of course not.

Perhaps rumors that a faculty office was painted more or had its furniture changed more often than others plagued that instructor. Those matters were justified at least by ambience, if not a feeling for *jeng shui*. (These lessons are both multi-cultural and international in scope in case you're interested in keeping mission scoring.) Do you think faculty or

AAUP should be troubled by such trifles? Heavens no.

There's always a chance this professor's nose was out of joint in noting that the timing of spring break had been changed without asking for faculty input. It's a minor matter that the old date for spring break was set as a result of a faculty discussion, vote, and recommendation. Isn't this really outside faculty purview? Originally then, some administrator must have erred in letting faculty play a role in a managerial matter. And who could interfere in what is so clearly a management decision with so little relevance for faculty? No one.

Maybe this teacher remembered that at one time a faculty member had served on the budget committee. Even as a token, a principle was involved. Could it be the person was disturbed that budget recommendations have fallen solely into management's domain? How could a teaching faculty member ever think his peers could deal with something so complex as a college budget? Just the possibility is mind-boggling.

Suppose the instructor heard that new standards for admissions were being discussed by management. This small group was making alterations that could change the College's makeup. This wrong-thinking professor might think such changes are made on an almost monthly basis—an equivalent of a mission-of-the-month. This person must yield, if he has mistaken educational flexibility for institutional inconsistency. Anyone can see that Southern is anticipating problems, resolving them, and not reflexing to each crisis as it arises in the state or the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. Faculty ought not to pique by decisions which shape the student population because those are administrative decisions. We know that. A pox on those who think for a second that faculty should be more involved. Didn't the President go to the Faculty

Senate and courteously inform it of his plans? Faculty be able to read this in the minutes of what lies ahead? Can anyone possibly think could do better? Nah.

Of course our favorite faculty member may read AAUP's publication, *Academe* of July 1991, which has an article, "Participation or Pseudo-Participation?" The author suggests that at a time when business industry management are calling for more participation, college management is reducing its role in governance. Perhaps our professor believes such a situation could never arise on this campus because MSSC management has an exclusive from the Business Department. They are, then, aware of those changes being made by business and would not fail to apply such principles here. Could an AAUP chapter soothe this pessimism? Uh uh.

This person may have read that the above mentioned have a root in Japan's relationship between managers and managers—a duty to act in this way. (Please my return to the old international theme.) How fortunate that our institution, with its study those international customs, would see how they would be to implement in college governance. So you see AAUP is unnecessary (break the glass in case of emergency).

Of course there might be a matter of professional organization ought to belong to professional organizations which provide alternatives. At the minimum, an organization might offer other constructive ideas areas which have been labeled "administrative management. OK, OK, OK, avoid the hassle.

We have to stop all this noise. Turn up the radio.



Core curriculum makes sense

Miss Hutson states that high school freshmen must decide then if they are "college material," and wonders how many high school freshmen know which college they will attend. Somewhere in the late 1950s in Parsons, Kan., when I prepared to enter high school, the guidance counselor came over and talked to the eighth grade class. He told us there were two plans to choose as we went through the next four years—the "college-prep" plan and the standard (state minimum requirements) plan. He advised us that if we thought we might have an inkling that we would ever attend college, we should take the college-prep program.

At that time, girls were expected to get married and have a family after high school; generally they were not expected to go to college—especially those like me who were from the "poor side of town." I never saw the guidance counselor again during the next four years. I selected my own classes using the college-prep plan. Along with my three years of English, algebra and geometry, general science, biology and physiology (girls were not encouraged to take physics then!), two years of Spanish, and the other required subjects, I threw in typing, bookkeeping, and shorthand.

When I prepared to graduate, I signed up for a scholarship to the local junior college. I received a scholarship from the Jaycee Jaynes in the amount of \$100—enough to pay for my first

year. After graduation I began working for a certified public accountant utilizing my high school clerical classes. In juco, in addition to some basic classes, I took accounting classes. After that first year, I did the "expected thing" and got married, failing to return for fall classes.

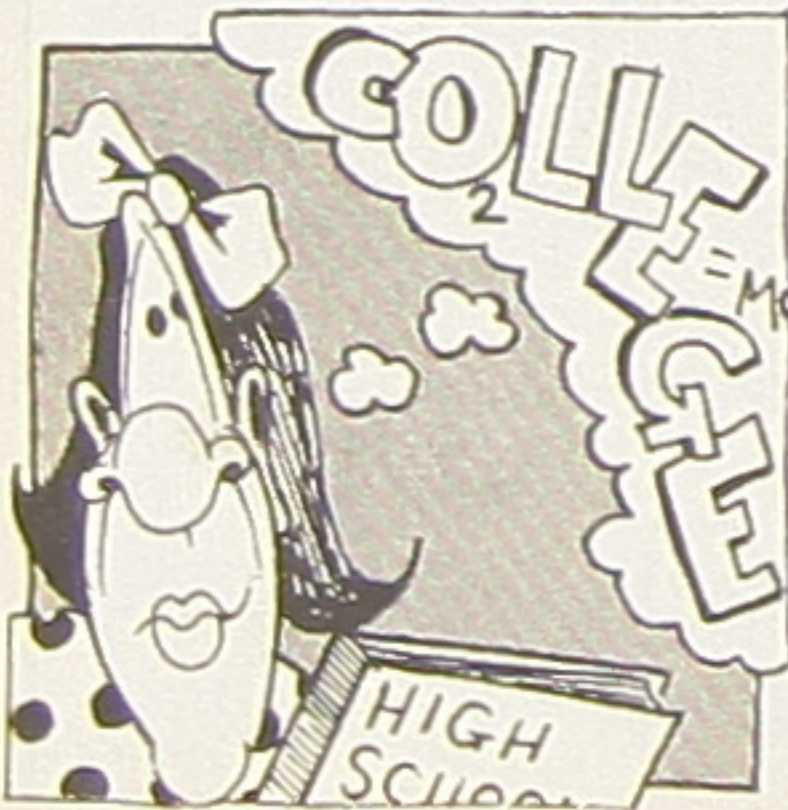
Several years later, I worked as a secretary for a manufacturing company that began shipping products overseas and into Latin America. My high school Spanish classes and the textbook which I'd purchased enabled me to translate written communications—sales orders and service questions. I was able to write up the orders, interpret the letters of credit from the customers' banks, and write letters answering the service questions.

I do not regret following the college-prep program in high school. What I would do differently is take more classes. Since only kids who got into trouble saw the guidance counselor, I was never advised about my classes and I picked out courses that met the "plan." When I was a senior, I had half a day of study halls. I didn't know that I could have taken extra things like chemistry or physics. (Remember, this was the early 1960s, and "girls don't do that.") When my daughter was in high school, I advised her to take every math and science class available to

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YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and should include a phone number for verification purposes. Because of space limitations, letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office in Hearn Hall 117 or fax them to 417-625-9742 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.



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MIDDLE EAST

Peace talks occur with Syrian influence

THE ECONOMIST

The broken neon sign welcomes you to "amascus Int. Airport." To a remarkable degree, the welcome is genuine. In Syrian eyes, American visitors are part and parcel of President Hafez Assad's opening towards the West. With two former American ambassadors in the group, a meeting with the foreign minister, Farouk Sharaa, is guaranteed. First, though, comes the trip to Kuneitra, the capital of the Golan Heights, was overrun by Israel in the 1967 war. Its inhabitants fled. The empty city changed sides twice in the fighting of 1973. In 1974, under Henry Kissinger's disengagement agreement, Israel handed it back; but not before flattening most of it with dynamite and bulldozers. The Syrians have left it flattened, as what its governor calls a testament to Israeli barbarism.

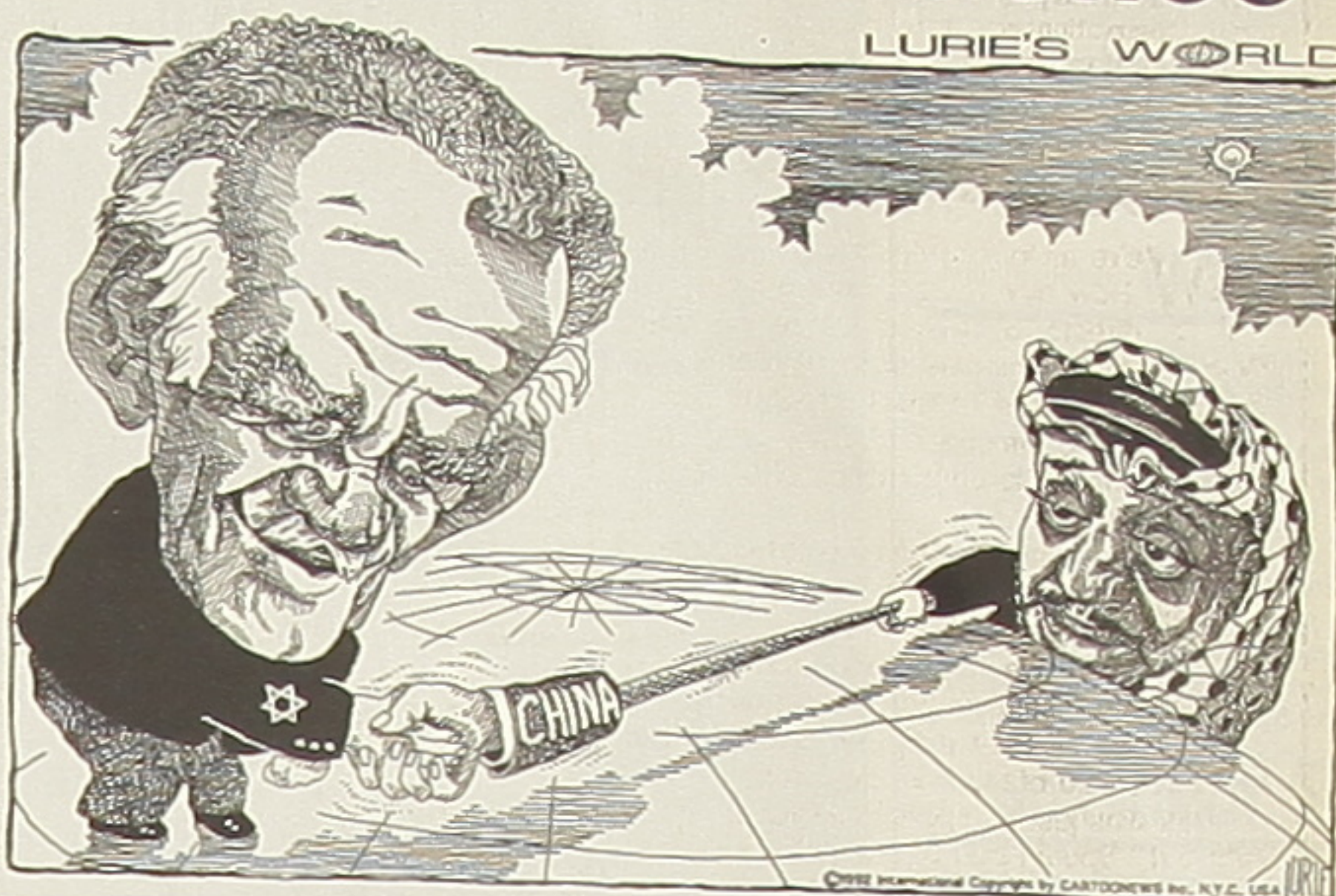
"Destroyed by Zionists," says a notice in English and Arabic on the ruins of the Golan Hospital. We peer across barbed wire at the Israeli outposts above. The governor, obviously bored, calls on the American taxpayer to stop helping Israel. "We are suffering from aggression," he intones like a gramophone record. "Our cause is just. We are looking for peace but we refuse to surrender."

Without Syria's blessing, the present peace talks between Israel and the Arabs would not be happening. They were made possible only when James Baker, Secretary of State, persuaded Assad to drop his demands for a peace conference under the United Nations and agree instead to face-to-face talks with Israel. But Syria has not dropped the contention that UN Resolutions 242 and 338 unambiguously require Israel to hand back every inch of the Golan without further ado.

Sharaa says recovering the Golan is a question of honor, and therefore

not negotiable. "We prefer the status quo to the loss of our dignity," he says. But he insists once the whole Golan is back in Syrian hands, a peace agreement with Israel can be made. As for security guarantees, they must be reciprocal: demilitarized areas on the Syrian side of the border must be matched by similar ones on the Israeli side.

Sharaa tends to become excitable when he talks about Israel. In Madrid last October he grabbed the attention of the world by calling Israel's prime minister a terrorist and waving his "wanted" photograph in front of the television cameras. Now he tells us that Israel is "corrupt and racist"; if it continues to oppress the Palestinians it will be incapable of producing a civilized society. He is specially perplexed by Israel's ability, through the media, to "brainwash" American public opinion. Did not the Jews kill Christ? Why do Americans forget this Jewish conspiracy?



ASIA

Japanese Diet faces future problems

THE ECONOMIST

It was just about the last thing Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister, needed—another ignorant politician saying Americans are lazy and illiterate. Apologies have been made, but damage has been done. Ignorant he may be, but the 79-year-old Yoshio Sakuruchi is speaker of the powerful lower house of the Diet (parliament). As such, he speaks on behalf of the majority of Japanese politicians.

Sakuruchi, a former foreign minister, thought he was talking only for local consumption when he claimed in his remote Shimane constituency that American workers were lazy and that only three out of 10 could read. America, he said, was no more than Japan's subcontractor. When the speech was reported nationally on January 20, many Japanese, already resentful of America's bullying trade tactics, were ready to agree with Sakuruchi.

Michio Watanabe, the foreign minister, who is scheming to become prime minister when Miyazawa gets the push, was on his way to

Washington when the gaffe hit the headlines. His dissociation of the government from Sakuruchi's comments helped to cool American tempers. But, in doing so, even Watanabe showed his own—and Japan's—ignorance about American productivity. It is not just "quite high," as Watanabe said, but considerably better than Japan's. The Japanese work longer hours, but productivity has been growing much faster in America than in Japan over the past decade. That is true in manufacturing—even making cars—as well as in services and agriculture.

The gaffe was one more worry for the increasingly burdened Miyazawa. Uppermost in his mind was what to do about Fumio Abe, a former cabinet minister and until recently secretary-general of Miyazawa's faction in the ruling Liberal Democratic Party. Abe was arrested last week on suspicion of taking \$647,000 in bribes from a now defunct steel-frame firm called Kyowa. He has so far declined to resign his seat in the Diet. In the new parliamentary session starting on January 24 the party fears it is in for a roasting. Not only is Abe vulnerable, but Miyazawa's

own involvement in the Recruit shares-for-favors scandal two years ago is going to be scrutinized, as well as his faction's entanglement in the Kyowa bribery case.

In an attempt to improve his popularity, Miyazawa is suddenly having to think again about political reform. After his predecessor, Toshiki Kaifu, was fired by the party bigwigs for taking reform too seriously, Miyazawa abandoned the key proposal, a shift to single-seat constituencies. Miyazawa is now pressing party officials to salvage parts of the reform bills that were killed last October. His closest ally, the chief cabinet secretary, Koichi Kato, has been hinting that a new bill aimed at controlling political funds will be introduced in the next session.

But the opposition parties sense blood with an election for half the seats in the Diet's upper house only six months away. The Liberal Democrats lost their 35-year-old majority in the upper house in the wake of the Recruit scandal in 1989. They are likely to lose even more seats this time. Most will go to the increasingly acceptable Socialists who now call themselves (at least in English) the Social Democrats. Their

new leader, Makoto Tanabe, is a moderate.

Another loser is likely to be the Komeito ("Clean Government Party"). The Komeito has been plagued by scandals within a group that gives it support, a quasi-religious association called the Soka Gakkai. To reassure its eight million faithful, the Komeito is out to show that it is not wholly in cahoots with the Liberal Democrats: it will demand that the defense forces be cut by 43,000 men.

The Liberal Democrats need the Komeito. A budget has to be passed only by the lower house, where the ruling party has a comfortable majority. But for getting all other legislation through the Diet, it needs the Komeito's 20 seats in the upper chamber. However, meeting the Komeito's demand on defense should not be difficult. With full employment and better jobs to be had in civilian life, Japan's defense forces have been about 43,000 under their published strength for several years. Both the Komeito and the Liberal Democrats know that—and can make the troop cuts simply by accepting a lower figure. Now, if only the appalling Abe and the Kyowa scandal could be waved away that easily.



Prime Minister KIICHI MIYAZAWA of Japan

GLOBAL VIEWS

Student experiences history of Israel

Growing tension does not affect appreciation for diverse country

BY LESLIE FOX

SENIOR MATHEMATICS MAJOR

Four years ago, I had the opportunity to spend a semester in Israel as part of the Study Abroad Program at Brigham Young University. Our group left for Israel in January 1988, just after the tensions had begun to escalate. Friends and family kept asking me if I was sure I wanted to go. Of course I was going to go. How could anyone pass up an adventure of a lifetime?

The first notable difference between the United States and Israel was the presence of the military at the airports. The tan, good-looking soldiers were to become familiar fixtures in the next four and a half months, but to see them stand guard over a commercial flight was at once reassuring and unnerving. Customs was an experience rather than a chore, and then we were finally off to Jerusalem.

My first sight of Jerusalem was through eyes only half-awake. I remember seeing a city much like any city, only different. Part of it was surrounded by a wall and part was open. Almost all buildings were made of the same type of brick, thus giving the city the golden color for which it is known.

We began exploring the very next day. That was when we learned to listen to the advice of those who were in charge of the program and had been living in Israel for some

time. One group of students decided to venture to the Wailing Wall and arrived shortly after a riot had resulted in [authorities using] tear gas. Not knowing why people were walking around with onions under their noses, the group walked right into the tear gas and realized their mistake. That was about the only time any of us were in danger. One of our buses was stoned on one field trip, but all in all the whole semester was free of trouble.

Because we were staying in a building (built by BYU) just outside Jerusalem, we were more or less isolated from the tensions in the city. We could stand out on our balconies and watch demonstrations taking place in the street below us. It was an odd feeling being so close and yet so far away. Usually, we found out

23 different layers! In every city and in every open space there is something significant to see.

Our field trips took us everywhere. We went up north to the Syrian and Lebanese borders. While there, one of our instructors, who is Palestinian, took the opportunity to teach us some of the current events of the area. We had to leave sooner than expected when we found out that the Israeli guards there had called in some reinforcements. There was nothing illegal happening, but the sight of a Palestinian speaking to a large group was enough of a suspicion of trouble. We also went south through No Man's Land to the Sinai Peninsula. We spent the night at St. Catherine's Monastery and got up at 5 a.m. to be at the top of Mt. Sinai by sunrise. When tensions in the area grew, we changed plans to visit the Gaza Strip and went instead to Tel Aviv and Haifa. We even had the opportunity to spend three weeks at the

Within the borders of Israel is contained the history of Judaism, Christianity, and the Muslim religions among others. Of these, Christianity has done the most to exploit its foundations. Some sights are being quietly preserved with an atmosphere of reverence. Others, however, have become showcases of souvenirs. There is a distinct difference between the feeling of history in the Garden Tomb and the gaudiness of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Both places claim to be the burial place of Christ, and it may never be known if either one is, but I would rather sit in a quiet garden and ponder my religious beliefs than spend time dodging mobs for a quick glance in a dark cave.

Although most tourists travel to Israel to see the religious history, a trip through the land should be a priority on every tour. The beauty of the wilderness is one that is found within. Strength and determination, traits that both Palestinians and Israelis have demonstrated, come from the wilderness. I went to Israel not for a chance to find my religious roots, but for the opportunity to experience a different culture. A rabbi visited the school and held a Passover ceremony for the group. On a separate occasion, some of us were invited to eat dinner with our Palestinian neighbors. That was one of the highlights of the semester. It is said that history repeats itself. I, for one, believe it. If that is true, then perhaps tourists should not visit Israel just to "see" their religious history. Perhaps instead they should take the time to experience the beauty of the land, appreciate the differences between our culture and the various traditions of the different peoples in Israel, and most importantly, recognize that our history—perhaps our future—is the same as theirs.

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when something was happening from some of the Palestinians who worked at the school, or by walking into the city only to find all the shops closed. Much of the old city was closed most of the time, but we were still able to walk around and see where history was made.

Israel is a country in which every stone is historical. From border to border tel upon tel is being excavated. Most tels (cities built on top of cities) become boring after the first dozen, but it was exciting to see layers of civilization unearthed. At the site of the Old Testament Jericho, a tower has been found to contain

shores of the Sea of Galilee. The beauty of the country is as diverse as its people. The north was very green while the south was wilderness. When I had heard the term wilderness, I pictured something similar to a jungle. I was not prepared for a land almost desert-like. Water was brought in through aqueducts that had existed for centuries. Spending the afternoon hiking through the wilderness led to a great appreciation for the variety that nature offers us.

Although it is important to experience history, I feel it is of equal importance to preserve its dignity.

Joplin NAACP hosts Taifa duo Saturday

By KAYLEA HUTSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Two area organizations will promote Black History Month through a special program this weekend.

The Joplin NAACP branch and the George Washington Carver National Monument will co-host a performance by Taifa, a husband-wife African-American folk-lore team from St. Louis, at 3 p.m. Saturday at 110 Main St.

Kunama and Imani Miendaji comprise Taifa, which means nation in Swahili. Kunama Miendaji said the name has a special significance for the two.

"We chose the name because we are a husband-wife team," he said. "We feel a strong nation is based on families and those families working together."

Kunama Miendaji said their performance consists of African and African-American storytell-

ing, music, and dance. During an African-American music demonstration, he uses a Shekere (a gourd rattle) and an Agogo (an African bell).

Kunama Miendaji said each instrument has a specific meaning in the African culture.

"The Shekere stands for the wave or the ocean," he said. "The Agogo represents strength and determination in time, in terms of maintaining time."

Miendaji said each performance has a purpose.

"We have values we try to get across to the audience," he said. "We try to deliver a message of inspiration to make people think about their moral behavior in terms of having a positive moral behavior."

Some of the values Taifa tries to convey deal with greed, selfishness, and lying. He plans to perform a story poem he wrote about George Washington Carver.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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her at Carl Junction. She was extremely well prepared for college. Some of her friends graduated with higher grade-point averages than she did, but she had taken a harder course load. Since she did not have to take remedial courses, she graduated in 3.5 years with a B.S. in biology.

With the cost of college tuition on the rise, it makes excellent financial sense to prepare in high school and avoid paying full tuition for non-credit remedial classes!

After I had been working at Southern for a while, I transferred my juco coursework and began taking

evening classes and, occasionally, a lunch-hour class. I graduated in May 1991 with an A.A. and third honors, completing the degree I had begun almost 30 years before. And, I did so without taking any remedial courses.

The College's new core curriculum makes sense whether preparing a student for college or to immediately enter the work force. That worker with more knowledge will be able to learn more demanding jobs and move into lead or supervisory positions.

Miriam Morgan
MSSC Secretary

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6 TODAY

Nancy Disharoon will present a seminar, "So, you want to get a job," to the Modern Communications Club at 1 p.m. in BSC Room 314.

Southern Concepts, an ad club, will meet at 3:30 p.m. in Room 305 of the Art Building.

NTSA, Non-Traditional Students Association, will meet at 5 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

7 TOMORROW

Young Democrats will host a regional meeting mixer at 8 p.m. at the Joplin Holiday Inn. All students are welcome.

8 SATURDAY

The Lady Lions play at Northwest Missouri State University at 6 p.m. The men's game begins at 8 p.m.

9 SUNDAY

Lambda Beta Phi will meet at 6 p.m. in BSC Room 311.

The Kappa Alpha fraternity will gather from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in BSC Room 313.

Sigma Pi will hold a meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Room 314 of the BSC.

10 MONDAY

The academic policies committee will gather at 3 p.m. in Room 306 of the BSC.

Donnie Bennett will conduct a martial arts class at 7 p.m. in the Connor Ballroom.

Gandhi will be presented today and tomorrow by the CAB in honor of multi-cultural week. The movie will air at 8 p.m. on the second-floor lounge of the BSC.

11 TUESDAY

The Administrative Council will meet at 8 a.m. in Room 310 of the BSC.

The Student Nurses' Association will work a bloodmobile from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Keystone Room. The goal is 125 pints of blood.

The Baptist Student Union will hold a lunch from 11 a.m. to noon in BSC Room 311.

A Newman Club meeting will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in BSC Room 310.

The Math League will meet from noon to 1 p.m. in the Connor Ballroom of the BSC.

The placement office will present "Becoming Marketable in the New Economy" at 12:15 p.m. in BSC Room 314.

The College Republicans meet from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

Dave Allen of the University of Missouri-Rolla will advise pre-engineering majors from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 325 of Reynolds Hall.

Phi Eta Sigma will gather at 2 p.m. in BSC Room 311.

The Rodeo Club meets at 5:30 p.m. in BSC Room 311.

12 WEDNESDAY

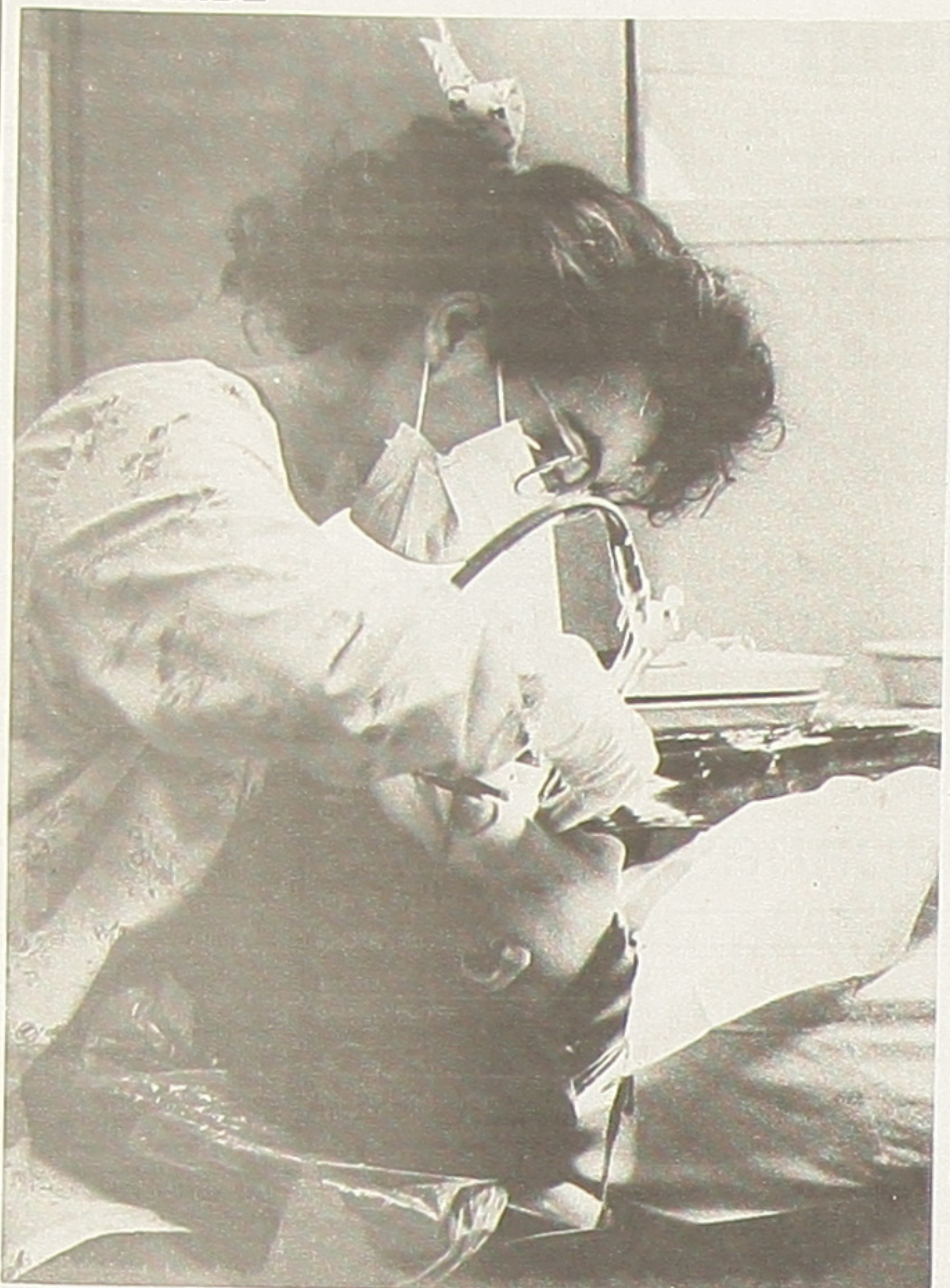
The Baptist Student Union will meet from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 311 of the BSC.

The Environmental Health Club invites all students to a meeting at 1 p.m. in Room 310 of Reynolds Hall.

The Lady Lions challenge the University of Missouri-Rolla at 6 p.m. in Young Gymnasium. The men's game begins at 8 p.m.

The CAB will sponsor a semi-formal Valentine's dance from 9 p.m. to midnight in the Connor Ballroom.

OPEN WIDE



Patricia Coates, Carthage resident, receives a tooth polishing from Melissa Bloxom, senior dental hygiene major, in the Dental Hygiene Clinic located in the Ummel Technology building. The clinic can clean teeth, apply sealants, and make X-rays. Students with IDs can receive treatment from the clinic for \$5.

P.J. GRAHAM/The Chart

CAFETERIA

Food service changes hands

By JENNIFER SEXTON
STAFF WRITER

Students served by the cafeteria at Missouri Southern soon may be eating from a service with a slightly different attitude.

ServiceMaster Management began buying out American Food Management, Inc., which previously served Southern, five years ago. The transaction was completed two months ago.

"ServiceMaster is a \$2.5 billion company and is the fifth largest company in the world," said John Rock, ServiceMaster area manager.

Ed Butkiewicz, director of food service at the College, said the change will give his operation more capabilities.

"It will give more opportunities to go further in the food service," he said. "We have a new program, 'Taste of America.'"

ServiceMaster began as a mothproofing business in 1947 and has expanded into carpet cleaning, house keeping, plant operations management, food services, and home health care.

Butkiewicz says the number of other services in the company also will bring more opportunities for the College's cafeteria service.

Rock said ServiceMaster bases business on four objectives: to honor God in all it does, to develop people, to pursue excellence, and to grow profitably.

"If we don't have high quality standards we can't develop people," Rock said. "When I worked with American [Food Management, Inc.] we were a small business that grew so fast."

Butkiewicz agrees with Rock. "It's all developing people, really," he said. "They [ServiceMaster] work with their people—they're people people."

CAB UPDATE

Group handles 'shift' in officers

By P.J. GRAHAM
CAMPUS EDITOR

Campus Activities Board events have not been hampered by a recent "shift" of officers in the organization, the new president said.

This semester, Andy Love resigned the group's top post. Kevin Lurten, who took over as president, said this change was not common for the middle of an academic year.

"It's unusual that we have this big of a shift," Lurten said. "But it has not adversely affected anything."

Other changes have been made concerning CAB officers. Tom Vanpool, who was both vice president and secretary last semester, now holds the duties of vice president only. Michelle Stanis is the new secretary.

Committee chairpersons are David Swenson, concert/coffeehouse; Love, films; Amy Casey, films; Lisa Werst,

trips; Susette Cory, special events; Theresa Bledsoe, dances; Pamela Chong, cultural arts; and Lory St. Clair, lectures.

CAB activities planned for the next two months include three lectures. Jack Gladstone will speak on Native Americans at 1 p.m. on March 5 in the second-floor lounge of the Billingsly Student Center. The lecture will cost \$1,000, a price St. Clair called a bargain because the CAB signed its deal before Gladstone started working on the national level.

"We got him while he was still semi-affordable," she said. "He's up to \$1,300 to \$1,500."

Gladstone also will hold a CAB coffeehouse/lecture where he is to perform Native American music on March 5. The \$1,000 will cover both the lecture and the coffeehouse.

St. Clair believes the two lectures after Gladstone will be educational and entertaining. At 1 p.m. on March 18 in the BSC second-floor lounge,

JOB DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Businesses see people for jobs
Summer employment available

By KRISTA CURRY
CHART REPORTER

Summer employment is now available for Missouri Southern students looking for part-time work off campus.

Applications may be picked up at the financial aid office and appointments may be made with Heidi Oakes, student employment counselor.

"There is a one-page application with basic information such as name and address," Oakes said. "Students need to make an appointment with me so that we can sit down and discuss their skills and abilities. This way, I can see what jobs might be available for them."

The job development program has received considerable attention from employers, Oakes said.

"What's exciting is the fact that the city of Joplin will be interviewing on March 18, right before spring break," she said. "There will be interviews the whole day for 70 to 75 jobs. The wages could be from minimum wage on up. That's a lot of jobs for Southern students."

"Of course summer camp jobs are available throughout the United States. I have information on all those camps."

Students interested in internships need to contact their adviser.

"We don't do internships in the employment office," Oakes said. "You could make the job into an internship, but that's something you'd have to work out on your own."

She encourages students to use the jobs program. Not only is it free, but students have the opportunity to become familiar with several types of job opportunities around the area.

"It was developed to give students a chance to work instead of taking out loans," Oakes said. "It gives them an alternative to student loans. Many

students take out too many loans, therefore have a hard time paying them off."

Oakes is new to the program, replacing Mindy Chism in December.

"Mindy Chism implemented the program a couple of years ago," she said. "I'm wanting to get the program out to more and more students."

Oakes said a variety of jobs are available in the community throughout the United States.

"The weirdest job I have seen now is a clown position," she said. "A gentleman is looking for someone to be a clown during the summer months one day a month. He'll pay \$25 for three to four hours of work. We also have nanny positions available in Washington, D.C."

"Students prefer clerical positions in a clerical office, accounting, and type of computer work. But really, it seems to me, students are a little fussy. They'll take about anything. The program pre-screens employers and provides them with prompt job applicants."

"Students [who consult the placement office] have an edge over the other [applicants] because I give them a card, called a job recommendation card, which they attach to their application. As soon as the employer sees the card he calls me and says, for example, that he has an opening at Toys-R-Us."

Oakes said employers who read the card realize the applicant has gone through an interview process and will more likely contact them with the cards before other applicants.

"Right now, I have around 60 [available], and I usually have about 20 to 30 students per day," she said. "We will continue to list summer jobs, so make sure you come and we'll get you all of the information you need."

BILL OF RIGHTS

Station begins series
Southern student to help produce new MSTV show

By P.J. GRAHAM
CAMPUS EDITOR

One Missouri Southern student's independent study project soon will inform MSTV viewers about Americans' basic rights.

"The Bill of Rights in the 21st Century," a 10-part series, will feature a panel discussion taped before a studio audience. Each of the segments will feature a panel of experts, and a portion of the program will be devoted to the panelists fielding questions and comments from the audience.

Taping began yesterday, and Crispy Spencer, senior communications major and the show's associate producer, said the project is going well.

"I'm getting the guests organized and I am doing the publicity," she said. "It's been a challenge trying to get people to be able to participate. Dr. Dom Caristi, assistant pro-

fessor of communications and general manager of MSTV, will produce the show.

The sessions, open to the public, are taped from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. every Wednesday through April 15 (except Feb. 19 and March 25) in Room 103 of Matthews Hall.

The series is Spencer's independent study project. Funding for the series came in part from a \$2,000 grant from the Deer Creek Foundation in St. Louis.

"I applied to 10 different foundations and got funding from one," Caristi said. "It is to defray costs. It's going to cover what we spend."

Wednesday, the freedom of religion will be covered; Feb. 26, freedom of the speech; March 4, freedom of the press; March 11, peaceful assembly; March 18, privacy; April 1, grand jury; April 8, due process; April 15, speedy and public trial; and April 22, cruel and unusual punishment.

The program may be viewed on cable channel 18 in Joplin and Webb City, cable channel 24 in Carthage, and K57DR-TV (UHF channel 57).

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UPCOMING EVENTS
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MO. SOUTHERN

Artists of the American West: through Feb. 23; Spiva Art Center
 "Coyote Ugly": 7:30 p.m. through Saturday; Taylor Auditorium
 Rosewood Chamber Concert: 1 p.m. tomorrow; Taylor Auditorium
 "Gypsy": 7:30 p.m. Sunday; Taylor Auditorium; 417-623-1596
 "A Sunday Romance": presented by the Film Society: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday; Joplin Ballroom; Billingsly Student Center; 417-625-9393

JOPLIN

Parts: through Saturday; Spiva Art Center; 2409 W. Seventh; 417-622-2272

Hawg Wild: 9 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday; Joplin Ballroom; 516 Joplin; 417-622-4944

Wanda Watson and Middleman: Sunday; Bypass; 1212 Joplin; 417-624-6544

"Trickeries of Scapin": by Moliere, translated by Tunc Altman; through Sunday; Joplin's Throw Dinner Theatre; Carthage

Rosewood Chamber Concert: 7:30 p.m. tomorrow; Philip's Episcopal Church; Joplin; 417-623-8865

1992 Gala Celebration: Dinner-dance for St. John's Regional Medical Center; 7 p.m. Saturday; Hammons Trade Center; tickets: \$40

"Barnum" by Mark Twain: Wednesday through Feb. 18; Joplin Little Theatre; 18 Street and Adams; \$7 for adults, \$6 senior citizens, \$3 children; 417-623-3638

SPRINGFIELD

Woven Vessels: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, and 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday; through Feb. 23; Springfield Art Museum; 417-866-2716

PITTSBURG

Harvest in concert: 7 p.m. today; Pittsburg Memorial Auditorium; 316-231-3540; reserved tickets: \$6

TULSA

Seeking the Floating World: The Japanese Spirit in Turn-of-the-Century French Art: an exhibit of 153 works by 70 artists; through March 15; Willbrook Museum of Art; 417-497-7941

Italian Art for Tulsa: The 50th Anniversary of the Kress Collection Gift: a documentary exhibit of photographs, catalogs, and materials related to the Samuel H. Kress Collection of 14th-century Italian painting and sculpture; through March 1; Willbrook Museum of Art; 417-497-7941

Shared Visions: Native American Painters and Sculptors in the Twentieth Century: through April 12; Willbrook Museum; 918-582-3122

Tulsa Philharmonic Classics Concert: today; Tulsa Philharmonic; 918-747-PHIL

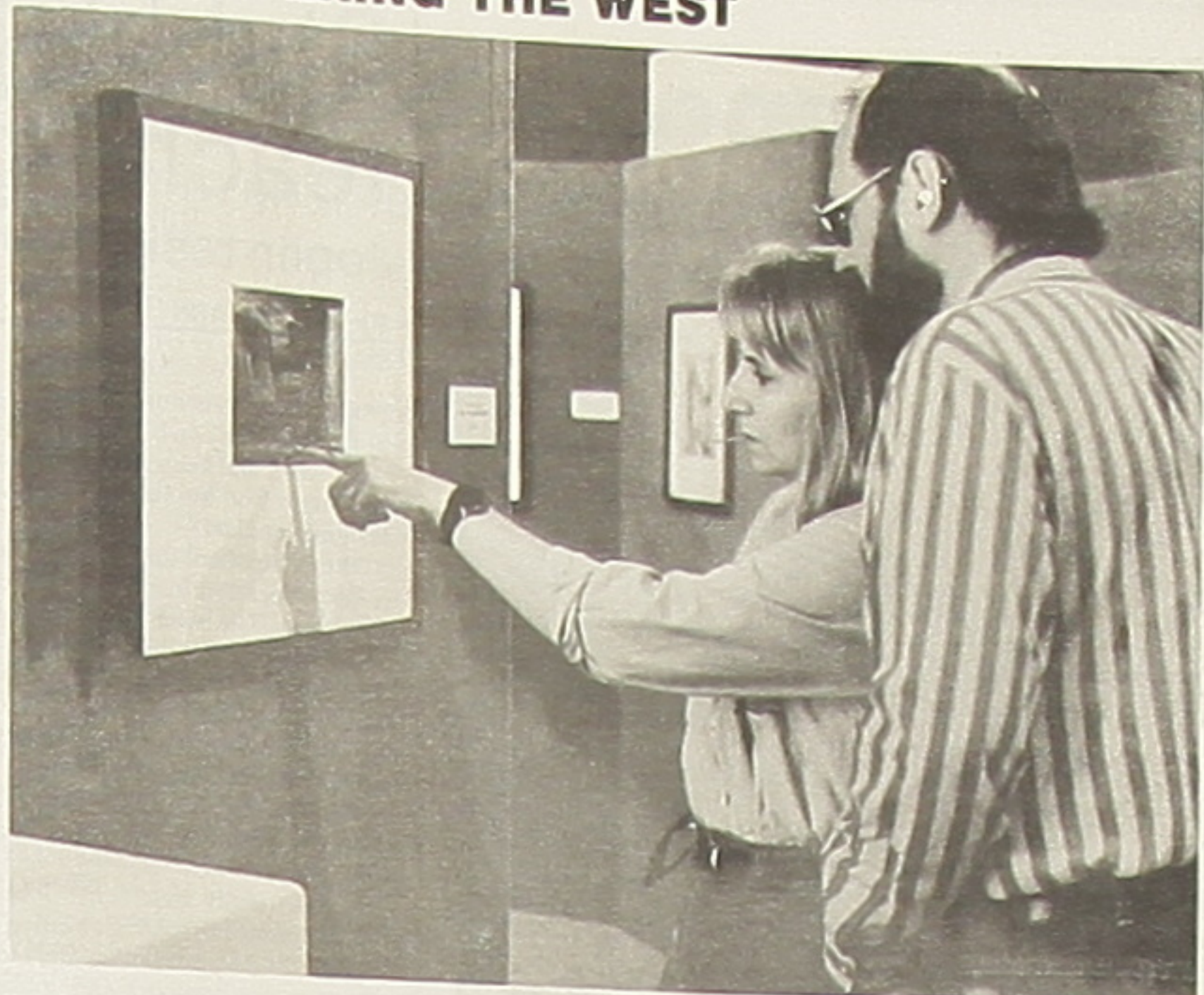
Young Art Series: Young Heroes: tomorrow; Tulsa Performing Arts Center; 918-747-7111

KANSAS CITY

Choreographer's Showcase: tomorrow through Sunday; Joplin Motion Dance Theatre; 70 W. Pennway; 417-622-7628

Kansas City Symphony with Nicole Licad, pianist: tomorrow through Sunday; Joplin Theatre; Eleventh and Central; 417-0400

REDISCOVERING THE WEST



Penny Wilkinson, an art instructor at Art Central in Carthage, shows Paul, her husband, a print from the "Artists of the American West" exhibit at the Spiva Art Center. The exhibit runs through Feb. 23.

► SPIVA ART CENTER

Prints illustrate American West

Visitors to the Spiva Art Center can view "Artists of the American West" through Feb. 23. The exhibit includes hand-colored lithographs and wood engravings of Indians, trappers, traders, settlers, Pony Express riders, and railroad construction illustrations. Pots, baskets, and books also will be exhibited. This collection of prints provides a picture of the American West at a time when the native cultures were beginning to feel the impact of the advance of white settlers. It presents the artistry of many of the first artists to work west of the Mississippi. It is a demonstration of the role of the graphic artist in establishing an image of the American West.

"I think the attractive aspect of this exhibit is that it deals with a

number of art forms, historical subjects, and print forms," said V.A. Christensen, director of the Spiva Art Center. "I think that there is something for everyone."

Anne Morand, curator of art collections at the Thomas Gilcrease Museum, presented a slide lecture Sunday dealing with many of the artists in the exhibit. Attendance was about 70, Christensen said. Morand presented biographical, historical, and art historical information.

Artists whose works are featured in the exhibit include Karl Bodmer, Charles Bird King, James Otto Lewis, and an unknown artist.

A painting by George Catlin titled "Mah To Toh Pa, The Mandan Chief" is being loaned to the Spiva Art Center by the Thomas Gilcrease

Museum in Tulsa to complement the exhibit.

"We had a very good turnout," Christensen said. "About 60 people were there to see the exhibit on the opening day."

"Artists of the American West" is being toured under the auspices of ExhibitsUSA, a national division of Mid-America Arts Alliance (MAAA). MAAA is a non-profit regional arts organization whose partners include the state arts agencies of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas, the National Endowment for the Arts, and private contributors.

"What to us is very important is that the exhibits are made available to us through ExhibitsUSA," Christensen said.

► OPENING NIGHT REVIEW

'Coyote Ugly' worth seeing

McDowell's directing debut a hit

By ANGIE STEVENSON
SENIOR EDITOR

Incest in the Bible Belt? Heavens, no—not here. At least, that is what many would like to believe. Southern Theatre thought it was about time to open some eyes by tackling the taboo subject of incest in its latest presentation, *Coyote Ugly*.

The five-member cast, under the direction of Brett McDowell, senior theatre major, said it was "taking a risk" in putting on a production of this nature, given the stereotyped piousness of the area. Posters promoting the play warned of mature subject matter; theatre-goers were told they might be offended.

As is often the case, the warning failed to ward off an audience. Last night's performance was sold out, as are the three remaining showings in Taylor Auditorium.

So just how offensive was it?

Written by Lynn Siefert, *Coyote Ugly* is a story of five compelling characters who are all, in some way, trapped. Yes, it does deal with incest—a father and his daughter, a mother and her son, and perhaps other combinations thereof. And yes, anyone squeamish about the subject may be offended.

Although one could occasionally hear some whispering "that's disgusting," no one protested, no one stormed out appalled. There were several periods of intense silence during which the audience sat uncomfortably spellbound. It was like watching something you did not want to see, yet could not take your eyes off.

Intensity is definitely the word for the character portrayals of this production. As Scarlet, a young product of incest who continues the seemingly unbreakable chain, senior theatre major Stephanie Cain gives a chilling performance. However, whether

by error in Siefert's script or Cain's portrayal, it was hard to believe she was only about 12 years old. The character's insignificance was well beyond her years; she seemed crazy, yet intelligent, and mature.

Victoria Goff, senior general studies major, was truly believable as Scarlet's mother, Andreas. She was both crass and sensitive, but almost always funny.

As her husband, Red, junior Patrick T. Worley, Jr., gave a wonderfully hilarious performance—flawless. He seemed to be the audience's favorite. In incredibly violent scenes with his son, Dowd (Lawrence Alford, senior speech and drama education major), Worley takes what appears to be quite a beating.

Alford's character was perhaps the most complex because he seemed normal in appearance, but there was a lot going on inside of him that was unresolved. Alford conveyed this well to the audience; we could see the turmoil inside him.

Jennifer L. Carroll, a junior speech and theatre education major often seen behind the scenes, performed remarkably well as Dowd's newlywed, Penny. While we feel sympathy for all characters, we feel for her the most. Unsuspecting, sweet, and innocent, Penny is drawn into the family's incestuous web. We have hope for her escape, but she, like the others, is ultimately trapped as well.

Southern Theatre tackled another sensitive issue—death—earlier in the season with *The Shadow Box*, which somehow was not nearly as successful in its end result. Where that attempt fell flat, this one worked.

Although this was sometimes the case in *Coyote Ugly*, a good script with fascinating characters coupled with surprisingly good student performances left one with the feeling that ultimately it was a play worth seeing and worth the blood, sweat, and guts that went into it.

► LIANG AND ZHU, THE BUTTERFLY LOVERS

Story of love and devotion debuts here Tuesday

Chinese concerto based on folk tale

By JASON HAASE
CHART REPORTER

An age-old story of love and devotion will get a new twist when *Liang and Zhu, the Butterfly Lovers*, debuts at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Taylor Auditorium.

The *Butterfly Lovers*, the first Chinese violin concerto, is based on a Chinese folk story similar to *Romeo and Juliet*.

The concerto will be performed

by violinist Kexi Liu, director of the Missouri Southern Suzuki Violin Academy. He will be accompanied on piano by Martin Berkofsky, Southern's artist in residence.

"I feel this is a very good work and I should introduce this to the American people," Liu said.

In 1958 Ho Zhan-hao wrote *The Butterfly Lovers* as a string quartet. He borrowed performing techniques of several Chinese instruments and some materials from the Shao-xing

opera. He then rewrote the piece in 1959 with Chen Gang, a schoolmate from the Shanghai Conservatory.

The characters in the story, Liang and Zhu, fall in love. This conflicts with the traditions of their families and the era of feudalism which was dominant at the time.

Liu, a native of mainland China, came to the United States in 1984. He was a first violinist for the National Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra of China and a member of the faculty of Beijing Broadcasting College. He has taught at univer-

sities and public and private schools and played with several American orchestras.

"The message I would like to send is to support classical music," Liu said. "I would like to promote classical music here."

Berkofsky has traveled extensively, performed in some 25 countries, appeared on more than 100 radio and television broadcasts, and recorded with the London and Berlin symphonies. He presented a concert at Southern in October.

"The music is the most important

thing," Berkofsky said. "I'm just a lucky guy who gets to be part of it and learn some wonderful new music."

"The more you learn about classical music the more you will enjoy it," Liu said.

"I'm very excited about this," Berkofsky said.

"I think it would be a wonderful and exciting experience for others to come and hear this music, especially since no one here has had a chance to hear it before."

► MISSOURI SOUTHERN FILM SOCIETY

Hungarian film to play Tuesday

The rare Hungarian film *Sunday Romance* will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center at Missouri Southern.

Imre Feher aroused hopes as an outstanding young director in 1957 when he filmed Sandor Hunyady's short story *Sunday Romance*. It is a story of a young journalist from an upperclass family who meets a young woman employed as a housemaid in his fiancée's home during World War I.

They fall in love, with the girl

believing that he is of the same social stratum as she is. Eventually, he cruelly lets her learn of his true status by attending a dinner at the home of her employers. Crushed, she packs her few belongings and leaves as he calls her back in vain.

The charm of *Sunday Romance* rests in its finely drawn picture of the final years of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. It attracted international attention for its superb camera work by Janos Badal and for Miklos Hubay's script which sketches with great understanding the small dramas of a small world. It was one of the winners at the London Film Festival, receiving almost universal favorable reviews.

Sadly, however, the actor who played the lead, Ivan Darvas, the leading Hungarian star of the day, was sentenced to six years in jail.

Single admission at the door is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and students.

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► DEBATE

Haynie's squad posts season's best effort

Doubledee, Hood take first place

By HONEY SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

Missouri Southern's debate squad turned in its best performance of the season at Pittsburg State University last weekend, coach Brooks Haynie said.

"It went extremely well," he said. "This was our best tournament to date."

The squad placed sixth overall in individual events and second in debate sweepstakes.

"If the tournament would have had an overall sweepstakes we would have gotten first place," Haynie said.

The duo of Stephen Doubledee, sophomore communications major, and Paul Hood, senior English major, was the only debate team Southern entered in the competition. They took first out of 24 teams.

Of 48 debaters, Hood won top speaker and Doubledee moved up to second.

"We took three Lincoln-Douglas debaters," Haynie said. "Alecia Ward, Phillip Samuels, and Shannon Lightfoot all broke into the semifinals. We finished first, se-

cond, and third."

Lightfoot beat a Southeastern Oklahoma debater in the finals, winning by a 2-1 decision.

"It was the first time I had debated this year," Lightfoot said. "I debated in high school. It was fun to debate again and nice to win."

Haynie said the tournament could not have been any better for Southern.

"What I thought was great was that we took five debaters and they couldn't have done any better. That's the best we could have done," he said.

Southern also had a good showing in the individual events.

Kim Lawry, freshman history major, took fifth place among 36 speakers in dramatic interpretation.

Lightfoot and John Kerney, junior speech and drama education major, took third among 32 performers in duet.

Kerney got third place in programmed oral interpretation. Of 50 entrants, he took second in the poetry division. Kerney placed first out of 68 in the prose category and second in the individual sweepstakes.

▶ PEPPER MACE

Police unveil new weapon

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Joplin police have begun using a new tool to protect themselves without doing permanent damage to a suspect when an arrest goes awry.

A new type of mace, made from extracts of a cayenne pepper, was demonstrated by officers at police headquarters Friday.

Michael Wightman, Joplin police chief, said the mace will give officers an alternative to physical violence when arresting suspects.

"The pepper mace is a harmless chemical," he said. "But it is very effective at incapacitating the criminal."

The mace was chosen by a use-of-force task force as "an alternative to the baton now carried by officers."

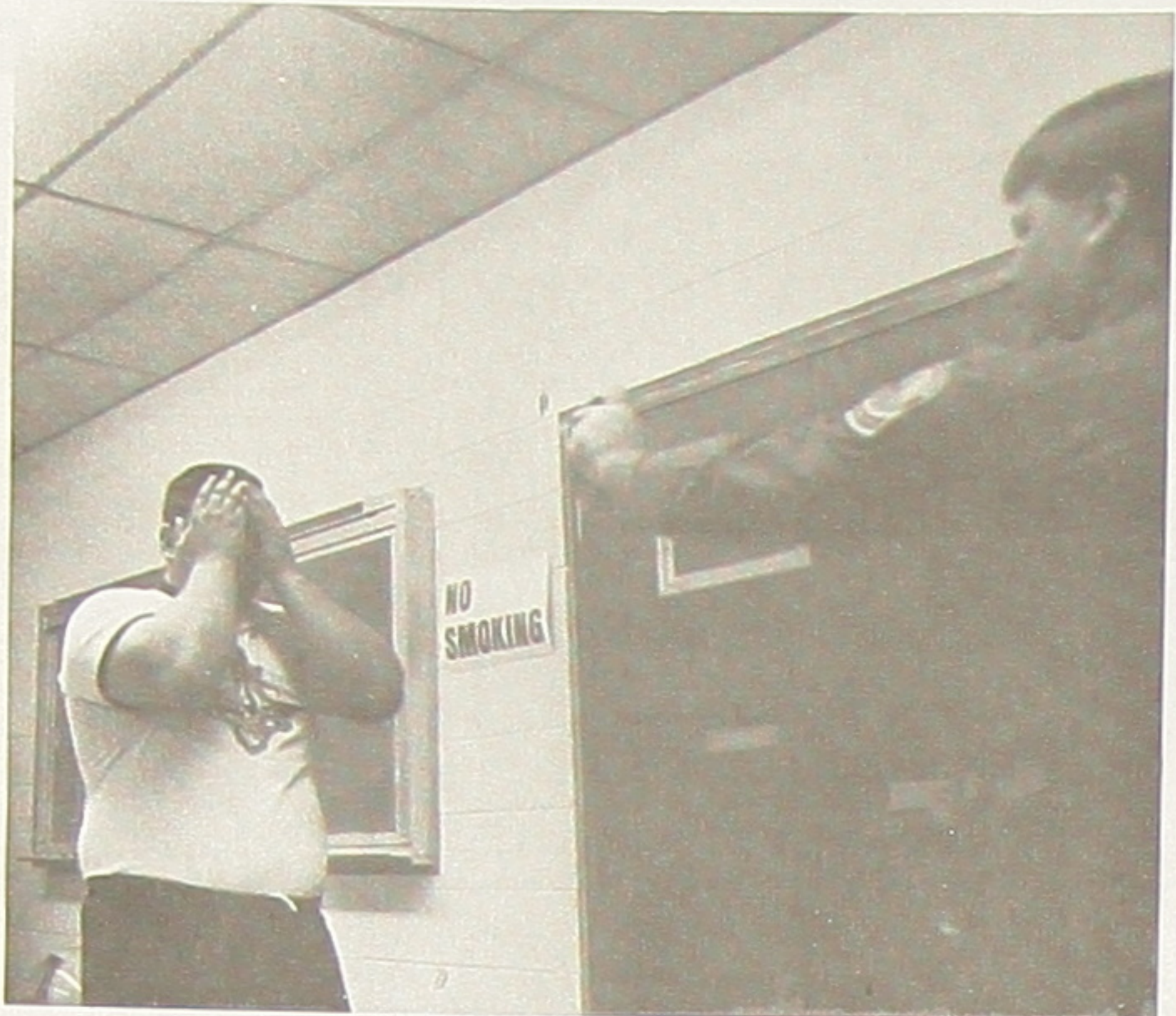
"The PR-24 baton is the weapon that has been used in most of the assaults on citizens by police officers in the last few months," Wightman said. "Not that it's a bad weapon, but now it has a bad reputation and is offensive looking and intimidating."

Wightman said pepper mace is currently in use by more than 200 law enforcement agencies nationwide, including the Missouri Highway Patrol and the Springfield Police Department.

Statistics provided by those agencies show the number of complaints by people who said they were injured by an arresting officer were down 35 percent in 1989 and 1990.

Wightman said the mace would be used in situations where an individual ignores an officer's command to stop what he or she is doing.

"In those situations we had very little discretion before because you would go from verbal command, to having to use hands and fists, to using a baton," he said. "Sometimes that didn't always work out well for you, and one of the problems is not only does the suspect get hurt but many times the officer also gets hurt."



Joplin Police Department Patrol Officer Gary Montgomery is sprayed with pepper mace last Friday. The mace will be used by officers in subduing those who resist arrest. Before being issued the mace, officers must undergo special training in its use and be sprayed with mace themselves to experience its effects.

Wightman said the number of instances of violence in Missouri is up 7.5 percent from 1989-1990.

"In Joplin, we just did a straw poll and found about 39 use-of-force instances occurred between the months of October and December 1991," he said.

Steve Dunker, training officer for the pepper mace program, said the mace is very effective in stopping a would-be assailant.

"It causes an involuntary closing of the subject's eyes," Dunker said. "The mace also gets inside the person's nose and throat and causes a burning sensation in there as well."



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

▶ LOCAL BUSINESS

Local store receives Gold Crown

By LESLIE KARR
STAFF WRITER

Kent's Hallmark at 7th and Maiden Lane recently was awarded Gold Crown status by the Hallmark Marketing Corporation.

According to Hallmark, this is the "highest level of retail excellence in the network of independently owned Hallmark card/specialty stores."

"We had to meet Hallmark standards," said Shirley White, who owns the store along with her husband, Kent. "We met their criteria and kept it up the full year. They then decided to award us the Gold Crown status."

By having Gold Crown status, Kent's received the trademark black and gold store sign, exclusive products offered only at Hallmark Gold Crown stores, exclusive advertising, free training at district sites, and financial programs.

An example of the exclusive products that will be offered is fresh flowers for Valentine's Day. Single

long-stem roses and cut bouquets will be sold Feb. 12-14. Soon Kent's will carry personalized greetings, seasonal candy, Spode Christmas tree pattern party ware and accessories, and Tender Touches.

"As a Gold Crown store we will be open to more elite products," White said. "If a Hallmark store is not Gold Crown they will be unable to hold

the same time.

"We opened our store on Jan. 30, [1991]," White said. "We are brand new to retail. This is our first venture. We always wanted to own retail. Hallmark was the best we came up with, and we've been really happy with them."

The Whites are new to Joplin. "We've lived here for only a year,"

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—Shirley White, Kent's Hallmark

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Although any Hallmark store can become a Gold Crown store if the criteria are met, less than 5,000 of the 11,000 Hallmark stores are. Each year the status is recertified.

The Gold Crown award and the store's first anniversary occurred at

he said. "We moved from Southern California mostly because we wanted a change of scenery. Also, our family lives in the Midwest (Kansas) and we wanted to move closer to family."

"We love it. Joplin is our idea of a perfect place. It's not too big or too small, and the people are so friendly. We started off living in Fort Scott,

Kan., but were spending so much time in Joplin we decided to move here."

Besides Kent and Shirley White, four people are employed, including three Southern students, Tiffany Casteel, Kimberly Tarnowiecky, and Suzanne Burnum.

"I've been working for Kent's Hallmark since it opened," said Burnum, sophomore music education major. "I helped unload the truck and everything."

White said the employees are what makes Kent's Hallmark special. "Our customer service is excellent," he said. "Our employees are well-informed and can help with what the customers are looking for. The customers are king, so we treat them like royalty."

"We are also in a good location. Customers don't have to mess with the mall. They can come in, get their shopping done, and get out."

Before moving to Joplin, Kent White worked at Disneyland as an attraction host while attending California State-Fullerton.

night," he said. "We will just try to best utilize what we have and take care of business."

"Both coaches, [Robert] Corn (men's basketball) and [Scott] Ballard, (women's basketball) have been very cooperative and successful," Frazier said. "We are excited about the student body's attendance and activity at the games."

Dennis Slusher, sports information director, said the capacity for Young Gymnasium is listed at 2,200, but 1,700 is more practical for basketball games.

"The actual game seating is 1,700," he said, "after you figure in the benches, cheerleaders, press, and scorers."

Frazier said he is making broadcasting plans now and that by Feb. 22 he should be able to "predict who is going to play where."

"In the last 10 days before, we should be in a position to commit one way or the other."

▶ LT. GOVERNOR'S RACE

Stubblefield says teaching is asset

Joplin resident vies for state office

By LESLIE KARR
STAFF WRITER

Twenty years of teaching experience is what Joplin resident and lieutenant governor candidate Don Stubblefield says is his greatest asset.

"I taught school for 20 years," he said. "Education just isn't what it should be. The state has financial problems, and I think I can help."

Stubblefield said he believes the way to help the state's economy is to only spend what it already has, not what it thinks will be there.

Stubblefield, who filed Jan. 14, has held no political office in the past.

"I don't really know when I became interested in holding an office," he said. "I want to be an example to others to get involved and make things better."

Duties of a lieutenant governor include helping the Senate and to agree as a bystander in advisory capacity. Also, the lieutenant governor would take the place of a governor in instances when unable to attend.

"[Missouri] Southern states should really pay attention to going on in Jefferson City," he said. "Items are constantly being passed that concern students."

If elected, Stubblefield said he will make sure the Joplin area knows what is going on at the Capitol.

"I think the No. 1 reason Missouri is the family," Stubblefield said. "I want to try to strengthen the family in the state of Missouri."

Stubblefield owned KLLN and FM in Webb City for the eight years.

The primary election is scheduled for Aug. 4.

▶ REAL ESTATE

Joplin market fares better than others

By SHARON WEBER
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

Lower interest rates have contributed to an upswing in the Joplin real estate market.

Janis McGrew, Charles Burt Realtor, is delighted with the results.

"The market is very good right now," McGrew said. "The lower interest rates are keeping us very busy."

Area interest rates are averaging in the 8 percent range, depending on the terms of the loan.

"We sold twice as many homes in December compared to last year," McGrew said. "It was a super month."

During a recent Realtors' conference in St. Louis, McGrew discovered Joplin is faring better than other parts of the state.

"In St. Louis and Kansas City, the real estate market is in the doldrums," McGrew said. "Our area is really busy, especially in comparison with other places."

The interest rates are changing, according to Century 21 Realtor Mike Woolston.

"The last couple of weeks, the interest rates have been going up," Woolston said. "Most people don't realize that interest rates change every day."

Woolston points out that the buyer's market does have its drawbacks.

"Joplin has been a buyer's market for quite some time," he said. "The fallacy of that psychology is that people try to sell their houses for a profit and price them too high."

In his State of the Union message last week, President Bush offered some solutions to the real estate market. One was a \$5,000 tax credit for first-time house buyers. Woolston is not sure what effect this will have.

"I don't think it would help significantly," he said. "The number of people buying homes for the first time is not great in this market."

Woolston thinks the proposed 10 percent gain advantage proposed by Bush would be a greater benefit.

"Historically, real estate has been every economic recovery that we have had," he said. "This [capital gain advantage] could stimulate the economy."

The local real estate economy has been boosted by the increase in single-family residence permits in January according to the city of Joplin.

The Joplin Board of Realtors reports 563 houses listed in the Joplin market. This statistic is not high compared to previous years. But representative Jan Van Paige said these are residential houses listed on a multi-listing system.

"This figure does not include single-listing homes or homes for sale by owner," Van Paige said.

The national average selling price for 1991 was \$87,500. In December the average price for Joplin was \$62,000.

Multi-listing agents sold 11 percent of the houses (61 houses) listed in December.

▶ GOVERNOR'S RACE

Soul's Harbor director seeks GOP nomination

By MIKE PETERSEN
CHART REPORTER

Local gubernatorial hopeful Dwight Watts knows his constituency—Missouri's poor.

"The little people have no money; I want to change that," Watts said.

Watts, 834 Highview Ave, signed up Jan. 21 in Jefferson City to run for the Republican nomination for governor. Watts will face Wendell Bailey, Roy Blunt, and William Webster in the Aug. 4 primary.

Watts, a Baptist minister, has been associate director of the Soul's Harbor Mission in Joplin since 1985.

"Missouri needs to wake up to reality," he said. "We desperately need to offer welfare reform, more jobs, a raise in the minimum wage, and to sell Missouri to the nation. We do have something to sell."

His desire to run for governor stems from his work with the homeless, illiterate, and the underprivileged.

"I'd say 50-60 percent of the people can't sign their names," Watts said. "The school systems of this state and nation need to teach the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic."

Watts, 59, wants the reading of the Holy Bible to be recited and remembered among students.

"Yes, it's unconstitutional," he said, "but I would try to change that."

Watts, who spent 22 years in the U.S. Army, is supported by his wife, Shirley, and seven children.

"Campaigning will be on a limited basis due to the non-existence of funds," he said. "We will campaign throughout Missouri and pass out flowers."

Scapegoat/From Page 4

wouldn't matter if the restaurant or bar served 1,000 people in a night; if one gets involved in a drunk driving accident, the owner would be held liable.

Even those occurrences where no one is to blame and humans have no control have to have some blame assigned. How many times have we heard the term "an act of God" used in the case of a natural disaster or some other inexplicable event?

I'm sorry; I think I'll pass on telling the Almighty my problems are all his fault. But those people who take risks want somebody to take the blame when something goes wrong.

I read in the *National Geographic* about the Great Lakes expanding in size. It was stated in the article that the lakes expand and contract in cycles every few thousand years. The problem is that people who have built houses on the lake shores are finding their houses slowly being turged into islands. They are not

happy. They have formed a citizens' group (a standard first move for people who are not happy), and they want the government to do something about it.

The same thing is happening on both coasts of the U.S. People find their beach-front property eroding away. The fact that the oceans have been eroding and replenishing beaches for millions of years doesn't matter. They want the government to do something to save their investment.

So in response to demands for action, some communities on the coasts are spending thousands of dollars dredging sand from the ocean bottom and dumping it on the beaches, only to watch the next storm wash it away. It's like the commercial says, "It's not nice to fool with Mother Nature." It also isn't real profitable or productive for those cities.

Come on, folks. Let's take a little responsibility for our own actions and quit looking for scapegoats.

Playoff/From Page 1

Jim Perry, Cablecom manager, said he is trying to form a plan for televising a playoff game.

"Customers could call or come by the office and we could turn it on electronically for about \$10," he said.

Perry said for boxing matches, many people get a group together and make a party of it. A typical boxing match runs around \$40.

"We have never made a ton of money out of it," he said. "If 10 percent of the people subscribe, it would be a success."

Frazier said either the closed circuit or the pay-per-view would be used, but not both.

"This would be in lieu of closed circuit and would only happen if [PSU] is our first-round opponent," he said.

Frazier said he currently is not concerned about the lack of seating in Young Gymnasium.

"The fact is that we had 1,700 people enjoying the event the other

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State bill would axe 'tomahawk chop'

Kansas City Chiefs claim chants are 'celebration' of Indian spirit

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

American Indian reaction to sports teams bearing tribal names and using sacred symbols has prompted the introduction of House Bill 1560.

Rep. Vernon Thompson (D-Kansas City) said the bill primarily was designed to get the attention of the Kansas City Chiefs football team.

"The Chiefs emphasize a lot of the symbols themselves," Thompson said. "They use it to get the fans riled up."

Thompson's bill would create a five-person committee to establish which Indian items, gestures, and other actions should be prohibited.

"The way I have the bill set up, the committee has one year from the signing of the bill to set up limitations," he said. "The committee would have public input to define

the cause that makes the Native Americans think they have been discriminated against."

The bill would not penalize the teams if fans acted without being prompted.

"The leader has to help discourage the activity," Thompson said. "The Chiefs is the one who started this."

Rep. Henry Rizzo (D-Kansas City), a co-sponsor of the bill, said the concern needs to be addressed by the legislature.

"In this day of ethics and ethnic backgrounds I think you have to draw the line on certain off-color gestures and jokes about a person's background," Rizzo said. "The Indians have made it clear that they resent this type of behavior."

Representatives of the Kansas City Chiefs said the bill is misdirected as to whom it punished.

"The bill is punishing the stadium

owners," said Bob Moore, director of public relations for the Chiefs. "Jackson County owns the stadium."

Moore cited the Chiefs' record of assisting American Indian groups in the Kansas City area.

"Our experiences with local groups has been very positive," Moore said. "We've even had local Indian groups protesting the efforts of groups wishing to have the name changed."

Some American Indian groups disagree and have gone beyond the legislature to confront the issue.

Michael Haney, a member of the board of directors of the National Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media and a full-blooded Indian from McCloud, Okla., has filed a complaint of discrimination against the Chiefs with the Missouri Commission on Human Rights.

He seeks to have the Chiefs' Indian mascot image removed and halt scoreboard messages involving "racial and religious slurs," according to the complaint.

"I felt really uncomfortable when

I attended a game at Arrowhead Stadium," Haney said. "Everybody was dressed with feathers and body paint and waving the foam tomahawks."

Moore said the fans' activities are spontaneous and meant as a positive gesture toward American Indians.

The name 'Chiefs' conjures a brave spirit for the Indians," Moore said. "The chop and the chants are a celebration of that spirit. I don't think a club would take the name of something it does not hold in the highest regard."

Haney said that is not the message many people receive.

"When people see signs like 'Scalp the Redskins,' that sends a message that it's OK to look down on Indians," he said.

The movement has been around for a number of years, Haney said. "It's been on and off for quite a while," he said. "It's just lacked the power and authority it's needed to make a difference."

The use of the courts and the

legislature marks a change in strategy for the movement.

"The moral outrage approach has not worked so far," Haney said. "We are planning suits across the nation to make the changes."

He said the problem is not confined to professional sports teams.

"There are over 2,000 elementary and secondary schools using Native American symbols as mascots," Haney said.

Moore said the Indian movement is fragmented and not all Indians feel the same way.

"You have to ask how many true Native American groups really oppose the names," he said. "Everyone has their own experiences, and here the Indian groups have found that the situation serves their purposes."

Haney said his group has nationwide support, however.

"Over 47 different national organizations attended our first meeting in Minneapolis on Jan. 23-24," he said.

Higher Education Briefs

SEMO changes list of courses for admission

► The Southeast Missouri State University Board of Regents has added a third course in mathematics and a unit in visual or performing arts to the list of courses high school graduates must take in order to be admitted to the university.

In addition to the new core curriculum requirement, recent high school graduates seeking to attend SEMO must make a score of at least 18 on the ACT test and achieve a high school GPA of 2.0 or better.

"Conditional admission" could be granted to a student who has a minor deficiency in one requirement but presents evidence that he or she will be successful in college classes. Such exceptions will be limited to no more than 10 percent of the entering class.

The new admission requirements take effect in 1995.

UMKC proposes to cut 78 jobs

► The University of Missouri-Kansas City has proposed the elimination of 78 jobs as one way of trimming more than \$6.5 million from its budget.

Eleanor Schwartz, interim chancellor, said there will be no layoffs. The positions scheduled for elimination will come through attrition and retirement.

Plans also call for eliminating the music director's position at KCMR radio, the bachelor of arts degree in speech and hearing science, the doctor of musical arts in music education degree, and 19 physical education classes.

In addition, the biology department would be consolidated with the School of Basic Life Sciences, saving UMKC about \$247,000. In a letter to the administration, the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences opposed the move.

Two students make first team

► Two Missouri students are among the 20 named to the All-USA College Academic First Team, USA Today announced Friday.

Laura Pierson of Northwest Missouri State University and Bettye Lee Potter of the University of Missouri-Columbia received a \$2,500 scholarship at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. Potter, 66, was the oldest student selected, more than 1,250 were nominated.

Daniel Altman of College of the Ozarks was one of 20 students named to the second team. Kathleen Vogel of Drury College was selected to the 20-member third team.

Bharat Kharadia and David Rainwater of the University of Missouri-Columbia and Maria Rost of Evangel College were among the 74 students receiving honorable mention.

Group ceases fund raising

► A political action committee at Southwest Missouri State University temporarily has ended its fund-raising activities because of the uncertainty surrounding Dr. Marshall Gordon's future as SMSU president.

"Most of the supporters of the university are waiting to see how the current drama concludes," said Bill Barclay, treasurer and a Friends of SMSU PAC founder.

Since it was formed in February 1991, the PAC has raised more than \$60,000 and spent \$51,000. The group gave \$20,000 to Missourians for Quality Education on behalf of the Proposition B campaign.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Webster settles oil spill

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

More than three years after the event, Shell Pipe Line Corporation has agreed to pay \$8 million in compensation for a December 1988 oil spill on the Gasconade River.

Of that amount, \$7 million will go to the state and \$1 million will go to the federal government, said William Webster, Missouri attorney general.

"The Shell oil spill was the worst in the history of the state," Webster said. "However, when you add this settlement to the \$14 million already spent by Shell to clean up the river and surrounding environment, these payments represent fair compensation for the natural resource damage and response costs suffered by the state."

Documents released by Webster's office said the money would be divided five ways.

School districts in the seven counties in the Gasconade River basin will receive \$1.4 million over the next five years.

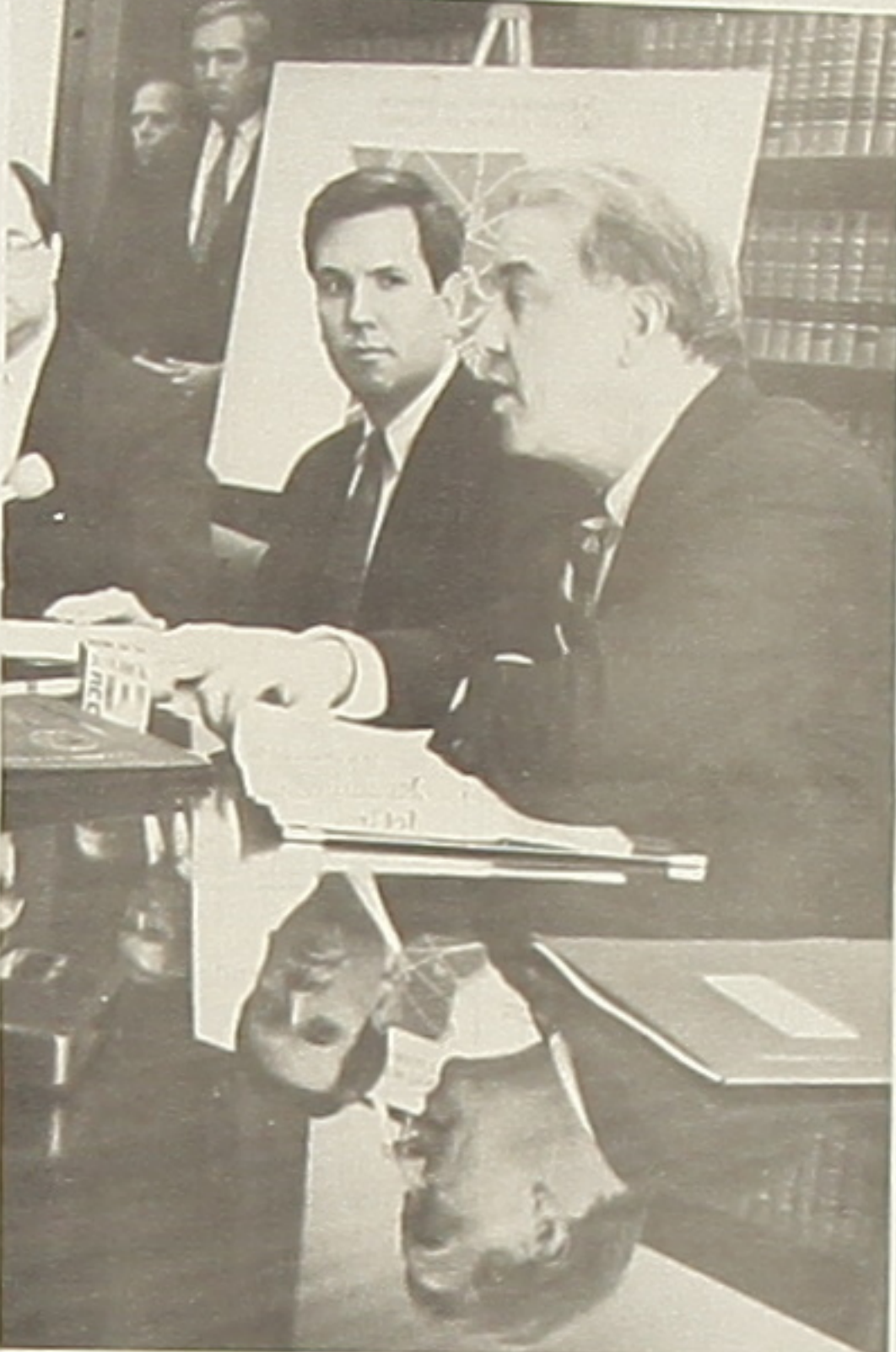
The Missouri department of conservation will receive \$2.8 million over the next seven years. This money would be used to improve access to public waterways and acquire property and equipment to enhance wildlife and natural resources.

A \$2.3 million payment over seven years will go to the department of natural resources.

More than \$100,000 will go to pay costs associated with the clean-up, and \$300,000 will pay the attorney general's legal fees. This money will go directly to the state's general revenue fund, Webster said.

The settlement was a good one, but the important fact beyond the money is the river has been cleaned up," he said. "The river has been restored to the maximum extent we

SETTLING THE SCORE



Tracy Mehan, director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and William Webster, attorney general, watch as Stephen Higgins, U.S. attorney, discusses the \$8 million Gasconade River oil spill settlement with Shell Pipe Line Corp.

feel possible. There are some long-term potential concerns, but frankly we have been incredibly lucky."

The timing of the spill contributed to the effectiveness of the clean-up efforts, said Tracy Mehan, director of the department of natural resources.

"It happened in winter, and we had certain flood events that flushed the basin out and reduced substantially the amount of hydrocarbons that were in this system," Mehan said. "Some 18 studies done by the department of conservation and by the department of natural resources show that this river is healthy."

Webster praised the Shell Pipe Line company for its efforts.

"The clean-up was responsible, it was aggressive, it was expensive, and we think the Gasconade River looks in large part as it did before the spill occurred," Webster said.

Shell paid approximately \$600,000 for studies to assess the impact on wildlife, fish, and the environment.

"We felt it would have been imprudent to just take cash settlement immediately," Webster said. "We wanted to literally taste the fish, and we have had studies where we have removed fish from the river and tasted them."

"For the first few months there was kind of an off taste, but now the studies indicate that is not the situation."

SENATE

Training requirements would jump for officers

Police Academy could cover increase

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Law enforcement training standards could more than double if Senate Bill 487, introduced by Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca), passes.

The measure would increase the minimum training requirements for newly hired police officers from 120 hours to 300.

James Maupin, dean of the school of technology at Missouri Southern, said the increase is necessary to better train law enforcement personnel.

"It still takes 600 hours to train a barber to cut your hair," Maupin said. "Yet here is a person put out here who has to make split-second decisions in emergencies, and we expect him or her to make them with 120 hours."

Col. C.E. "Mel" Fisher, superintendent of the Missouri Highway Patrol, said more training is essential to improve law enforcement in the state.

"The liability for a lack of training is high," Fisher said. "Human lives depend on our training, and with more of it we can provide a better service."

Singleton said while the bill would require 300 hours of training for newly hired officers, it would not affect officers already in departments.

"The bill grandfathered everyone they have currently working for them," Singleton said. "I've been told by other law enforcement personnel that most people have more than 120 hours already because they've gone back for special training and continuing education."

Opposition to the bill has come from the Missouri Municipal League. Gary Markenson, executive director of the league, said it mandates considerable costs on smaller cities.

"Cities not only have to pay for training costs, they'd have to pay the salaries while the officer is being trained, they'd have to pay travel

costs, and if the training takes place during their regular work week, they'd have to pay a substitute," Markenson said.

"The problem is compounded because in small cities police officers become employed to get their training and then go off to bigger cities that pay more money."

Most cities in Missouri already require more than 120 hours so the bill is unnecessary, he said.

"In Jefferson City alone an officer is not allowed on the street alone without 600 hours training," Markenson said. "Larger cities have far, far greater training requirements than 120 hours."

He said in his opinion the bill violates the Hancock Amendment.

"We have an amendment in our constitution that prohibits the state from mandating costs without reimbursing them," Markenson said.

Singleton said he did not understand that thinking.

"If cities followed that logic they'd have to pay their city attorney for his law school," Singleton said. "We're not mandating that they send them back for more education. We're just saying, 'Don't hire anybody else unless they have 300 hours of training.'"

Southern's Police Academy is ready to expand training if the bill passes, said Jack Spurlin, director of the criminal justice program.

"I testified to the Governor's Crime Commission in the fall that more training is necessary," Spurlin said. "We can provide the training whenever the bill mandates."

The costs to students would increase, but the academy would be able to finance the increased training.

"The Police Academy is close to being able to cover its own costs," Spurlin said.

The effects of additional training would hit off-campus classes hardest.

"We hold nine academies each semester, but only three are here at Southern," Spurlin said.

FREE LUNCH



Capitol staff members and legislators take advantage of a buffet presented by the Missouri State Council on Vocational Education. Groups offer legislators and others free meals as part of lobbying efforts.

HIGHWAY PATROL

Radar detectors face elimination under bill

By JOHN HACKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A radar detector on the dash may earn a driver a \$1,000 fine or one year in jail if House Bill 1544 passes the Missouri legislature.

Rep. O.L. Shelton (D-St. Louis) said outlawing detectors would make highways safer.

"I travel the highways a lot, and I can see the cords of the radar detectors in the cars," Shelton said. "These people are speeding up the highways, and I just think it's risky."

Drivers are just using them to break the law, he said.

"You see cars that are speeding, then suddenly a Highway Patrol car appears and they aren't speeding any more," Shelton said. "Something has given them the warning

that the patrol is around."

Those who have detectors will have to "put them in the closet," he said.

"They will be banned," Shelton said. "If a patrolman stops you, you will be arrested for a Class A misdemeanor."

The penalties could be as much as a \$1,000 fine or one year in jail, he said.

Col. C.E. "Mel" Fisher, Highway Patrol superintendent, said he would favor the bill.

"People who are using radar detectors are usually breaking the law, anyway," Fisher said.

Shelton said the bill has been sent to the civil and criminal justice committee.

He couldn't say when or if it would reach the House floor.

Migrant workers:

Southwest Missouri reaps benefits, addresses problem

Poultry plants provide permanent jobs

By KAYLEA HUTSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Southwest Missouri poultry plants are reaping benefits from the growing number of Hispanic migrant workers settling in the area. The workers are settling near, and working in, several poultry plants rather than moving from crop harvest to crop harvest.

Hudson Foods-Noel, Tyson Foods-Neosho, Simmons Industries-Southwest City, Mo-Ark egg plant-Neosho, and Con Agra Foods-Carthage, are among the area poultry plants currently employing these workers.

"Our migrant workers just showed up at our door," said Jo Logan, personnel manager at Hudson Foods-Noel. "We haven't done any work on it (recruitment) at all."

She said the availability of work at a decent wage is the incentive for migrant workers to settle in a given area permanently.

Kent Johnson, personnel manager at Simmons Industries-Southwest City, said the company has employed some Hispanic workers over the past two years but the numbers started increasing in 1991.

"We have just recently started getting applicants," said Jim Smyth, personnel manager for Mo-Ark egg plant-Neosho.

Smyth said approximately 20 Hispanic workers are employed by Mo-Ark. He said many of the migrant workers are moving into this area because jobs are available.

Smyth said the migrant workers

are good employees.

"They come from a work ethic which is different from ours," Smyth said. "They have had to work all of their lives, and they know how to work hard. Some people in our society do not have that work ethic."

Logan agrees.

"They take pride in their work," she said. "The ones in packing pack their trays with precision. We are very pleased with their performance."

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—Jim Smyth, personnel manager, Mo-Ark egg plant

Johnson said the migrant workers employed by Simmons Industries are good workers for the most part and dependable.

However, their presence has drawn criticism from some area residents.

"In this rural area, some of our citizens think we are taking jobs away from Americans," Johnson said.

Johnson said because the plant is an equal opportunity employer, the migrant workers have the same rights as others for employment.

"The majority of the migrant workers come here to work," Johnson said. "They do a good job."

Logan said the reaction of other plant personnel toward the migrant

workers has been positive.

"I do not think there is any noteworthy resentment," Logan said. "If you work next to someone and they do their job well, you are pleased because of that. You don't look at their race or color."

Smyth said he has not witnessed any prejudice or resentment toward the migrant workers.

"It's nothing obvious," he said. "People would have a prejudice be-

cause it is so new in this part of the country. They (area residents) don't know how to react.

"If there is any—and I'm sure there are some who resent them—I haven't seen any in the work place."

Johnson said there is some anti-Mexican feeling in area communities.

"My wife told me the word is out that I love Mexicans and hate Americans, and that I am mean to Americans," Johnson said. "That's not true; I like to be mean to everybody."

Many of the plants are providing programs to help migrant workers adjust to the culture of southwest

Missouri.

Logan said Hudson Foods, through the First Baptist Church in Noel, is teaching its migrant workers English and the supervisors are trying to learn Spanish.

Mo-Ark has placed a trailer court on company property to provide homes for many of the workers.

"We are providing them courses [at Crowder College] to teach them basic English," Smyth said. "To some degree, we have learned Spanish."

"It doesn't take a lot of communication, when they are doing a repetitive type of job, to converse with them."

Smyth said Mo-Ark has one employee fluent in Spanish who is used as a translator.

Tomlinson said Tyson Foods has begun to hold training classes to teach its supervisors Spanish.

"We also use different videotapes in Spanish to explain the rules and policies of the plant," she said.

Simmons Industries currently is not providing its migrant workers with any special program.

"We're not trying to provide a benefit to the Hispanics that we are not providing to anyone else," Johnson said. "What we do for one, we want to do for all."

Tomlinson said rumors about the migrant workers being paid more than regular workers are false.

"They receive the same pay and benefits as our other workers," Tomlinson said. "They also have to pay taxes."

GETTING IT DONE



At Tyson Foods in Neosho, workers Denise Diaz (left) and Ros Garcia (right) inspect pre-cooked chicken during the second shift. Diaz and Garcia came from Mexico and Texas to work in Missouri.

CHAD HAYWORTH/The Daily

Worker goes home

By KAYLEA HUTSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

After spending seven years in the United States, Mexican migrant worker Manuel Franco is going home.

For the past two months, he has been among the growing number of Hispanic migrant workers staffing southwest Missouri's poultry industry.

Franco, who is preparing to return to Mexico City, worked on the third shift (midnight to 7 a.m.) sanitation crew at Hudson Foods in Noel. He has not seen his family, including seven brothers, since leaving Mexico.

Prior to seeking work in Noel,

Franco lived New York City. He came to New York because he said the people "were crazy" and because he had heard there were jobs here.

"One amigo told me Noel had jobs," Franco said. "I looked at [advertisements] for work and he said."

Despite reports of discrimination against Noel's migrant workers, Franco said he has not experienced this while working at Hudson Foods.

James Wallis, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Noel, estimates 100 migrant workers have moved into the area.

He said the majority of the migrant workers who move into the area are like Franco—single and looking for work.

(Left to right) Armando Trejo, Manuel Franco, Bvlsante Fernandez, and Francisco are four of the approximately 100 Hispanic migrant workers currently employed by Hudson Foods in Noel.



P.J. GRAHAM/The Chart

Jobs draw illegal aliens to southwest Missouri

By KAYLEA HUTSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Illegal aliens move into this area because of the availability of jobs, according to Ron Sanders, district director of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

"They are coming to southwest Missouri because of the great number of chicken houses, turkey houses, and dairy farms," Sanders said. "They are willing to work for a wage around the minimum wage area."

"The jobs there are remote. Farms are hard to see from the roads, so they're hidden from society."

—Ron Sanders, INS

"They are individuals taking jobs on the lower end of the social status," Sanders said. "Farms are hard to see from the roads so they're hidden from society."

Businesses must follow guidelines under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 when hiring a migrant worker.

Sanders said an employee first must complete the I-9 form, which states the worker is a lawful employee. They workers must show Social Security and alien administration cards within three days following the date of hire.

"The law makes a \$2,000 fine for

knowingly violating the Immigration Reform and Control Act," Sanders said.

The INS periodically conducts inspections of businesses it believes employ illegal aliens.

"Many of our reports are by a United States citizen displaced by an illegal alien," Sanders said. "We are constantly checking and inspecting businesses."

He said approximately 7,000 inspections will occur in the area this year.

Businesses found to be hiring in accordance with the immigration laws are issued a compliance letter after the inspection. Those who are not receive a warning letter. They then have 15 days to two months to fix the problems.

"If they are hiring illegal aliens, no warning letter is sent," Sanders said. "It just goes directly to a fine."

He said sometimes inspections last more than a year or two, and investigations of several current cases began within the past two years.

The last inspection which resulted in a fine occurred at the Ozark Meat Company in Bolivar. The company was fined \$120,000.

Sanders said there are several cases under investigation within this area. He said those businesses which hire illegal aliens actually are hurting the community.

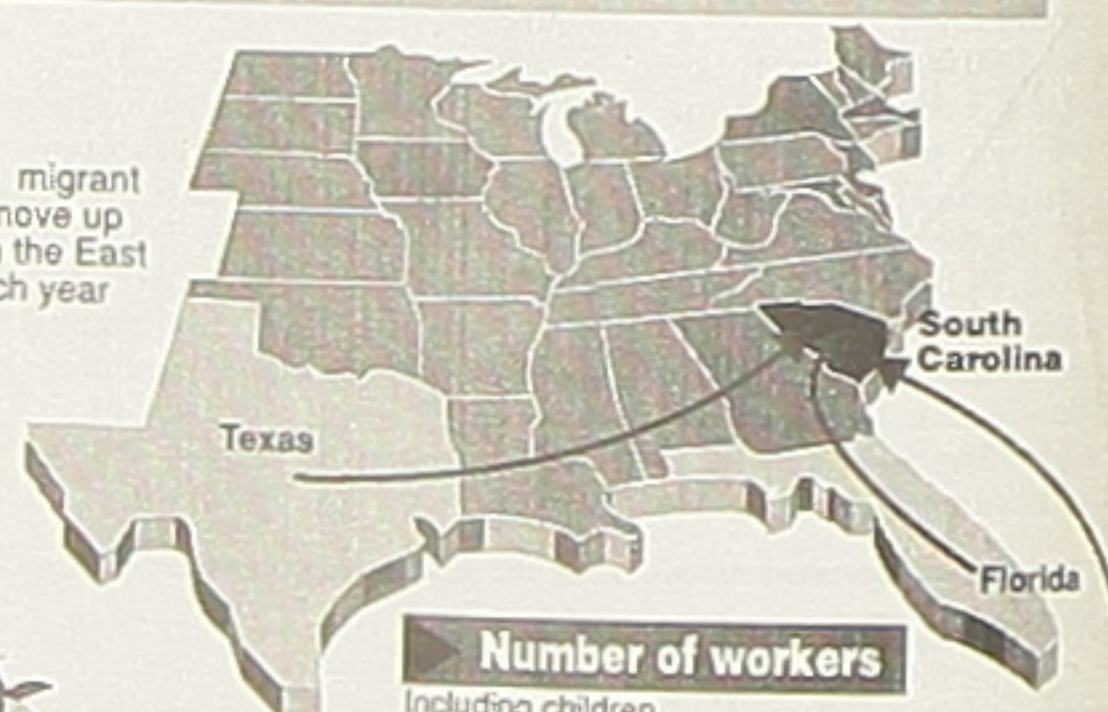
"Employers trying to make a fast buck by hiring illegal aliens at a low wage are hurting the community," Sanders said. "They are similar to the ones dumping waste into the area [water]."

He said there is usually a smuggler involved in sneaking them into the U.S.

The migrant workers

Where they come from

95,000 migrant workers move up and down the East Coast each year



What they harvest

In 1989, migrant workers harvested crops worth \$253 million. The top crops harvested:

U.S. ranking	Cash crop	Value
2	Peaches (1-Calif.)	270 million lbs - \$46,974,000
2	Tobacco (1-N.C.)	104 million lbs - \$172,420,000
3	Tomatoes (1-Calif., 2-Fla.)	70.2 tons - \$24,851,000
5	Cucumbers	40.4 tons - \$9,400,000

What they are paid

Average income: \$4,000 (full migrant season average 37 weeks)
50% of migrant families make less than \$7,500 per year despite having at least two wage earners
67% of migrant households in the Southeast are below the poverty level

SOURCE: The State (Columbia, S.C.), East Coast Migrant Health Project, U.S. Labor Department; South Carolina Agriculture Department

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MOTHER AND CHILD



Marie Woods holds her daughter Melanie. The Woods came to Missouri due to employment opportunities.

KAYLEA HUTSON/The Chart

Workers face prejudice in small Missouri town

Adults, children victims of local racism, tension

By KAYLEA HUTSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

When many hear the term "migrant worker," they think of farm workers who travel throughout the United States harvesting various agricultural crops.

However, that definition is not always true. Many former migrant workers have settled in one area, working at some of the many agricultural-based industries. Such is the case of Marie Woods.

Born in Mexico City, Woods moved with her parents to the U.S. when she was eight.

"When I came to the states, I wanted to speak English so bad," she said. "So I quit hanging around Mexicans and hung around Americans."

"When you're young you learn [English] faster."

Woods said it only took her about six months to learn English.

Woods and her husband, Jeffery, a "gringo," were married in 1984. They then moved around the United States for seven years following the various crops being harvested.

For the last three years, the Woods have lived in Noel, where Jeffery works for Hudson Foods. Jeffery said he and Marie moved to Noel because they had heard about the jobs available at Hudson.

Marie Woods said even in the small town of Noel, population 1,169, the Hispanic workers face prejudice.

"This town is full of prejudiced people," she said. "They are very friendly with me, but they just don't

like Mexican men.

"I've seen a Mexican guy walking around with bruises after he went to Jose O'Malley's (a local bar), and three white guys beat him up."

Woods said one reason the single Mexican men are disliked by Noel residents pertains to the white women.

"The white women are all over them," she said. "It's mostly the men who don't like Mexicans."

The prejudice is not only limited to the adults. Woods' 15-year-old son, David, was a victim of racial prejudice.

"My son had a little girl friend and she was white," Woods said. "Her father didn't want her to hang around him because he was Hispanic. 'My kids have had a hard time [in school].'"

Woods said many of the migrant workers now moving into the Noel area are single men. The men, according to Woods, are moving into the area because of the available jobs.

"The Mexicans work there and never complain about it," she said. "The owners like the Mexicans."

This has caused some tension between migrant workers and Noel residents.

"Many want them to get Immigration to clean up the Mexicans," she said. "I guess they (Noel residents) are jealous."

Woods said the reason many Hispanics move to the U.S. is because of the employment advantages.

"I would never go back to Mexico," she said.

They have jobs, but they don't pay enough for someone to support a family.

She said some workers leave their families in Mexico to find jobs in the U.S. to support the families.

Woods said more Americans might understand the Hispanic

worker's plight if more was known about the poverty of Mexico.

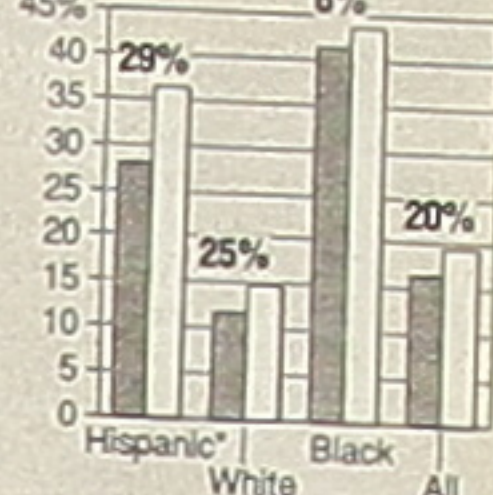
Hispanic child poverty rates worsen

The number of poor Hispanic children is growing faster than other groups:

Ethnic/racial breakdowns

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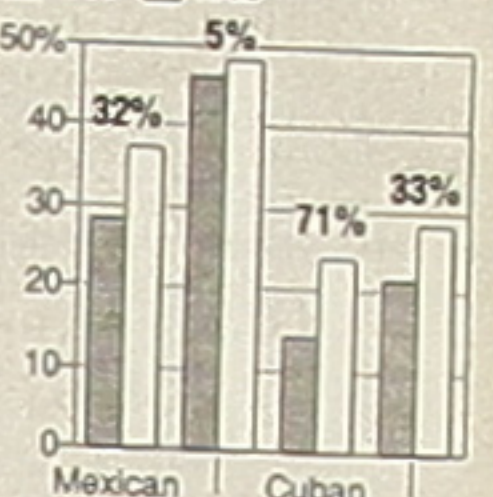
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*Hispanics can be of any race

SOURCE: Children's Defense Fund

Medical help, tutoring available through program

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Giving a boost to children of migrant workers is old hat to some parts of the United States, but less than 20 years old in Missouri.

Mary Lou Liskey, assistant principal of the Anderson school system in McDonald County, said the McDonald County migrant education program is housed, and it received the opportunity to receive migrant funding in 1976.

"Federal funds were offered because chicken plants qualified as migrant," she said.

Because of the numerous poultry plants in the area, the funds have helped integrate migrant education programs locally.

At the time poultry qualified as migrant, most Missouri migrant students were in the southeast corner of the state.

"Most of our migrant children came from the bootheel,"

said Nancee Allan, director of special federal instructional programs in Missouri. "[Currently] a child is eligible if a member of his family moved into a school district with the purpose of finding employment in agriculture."

"The employment has to be temporary or seasonal."

Now, southwest Missouri has a substantial number of migrants.

However, in the last few years the government has been decreasing the amount of funding for Missouri because there are less migrant students overall. This year, the state received \$709,942. Allan agrees Missouri has had fewer migrants in recent years.

"We identify around 2,000 [migrant students]," she said. "We used to identify twice that number."

Another reason Missouri gets less funding is due to the increased funds given to states of greater need, such as California and Texas.

Recently, however, the number of migrants in Missouri seems to be

increasing.

"We're beginning to see an uprise of migrants," Allan said. "We're identifying more kids."

Currently, Missouri has 40 school districts with migrant children, and 17 of them have migrant education programs.

Karen Crouse, director of special services in McDonald county, said the migrant education program does not mean a separate education altogether for migrant students.

"These kids are in a regular program," she said. "We pull the children out of the regular classroom and [take them] to a tutor."

"The migrant teacher is to fill in all the holes," Liskey said. "They don't usually pick up children who are doing just fine."

Dr. Tony Woodrum, director of the Southwest Missouri Migrant Education Center in Monett, says the idea for migrant education is basic.

"It is for children whose educa-

tions have been interrupted by moving," he said. "It's to help them catch up."

Woodrum also said many medical needs are filled by the program.

"We buy a lot of glasses," he said. "And we fix some teeth."

Students are eligible for the program five years after moving into the school district. If they move again, the five years starts over. However, only students in their first year of the program in any one school district are generally allowed to have tutoring. After the first year, students still can receive medical benefits.

Many of the migrant families have a lower income, making these benefits helpful.

Rafael Sivilich, a migrant teacher for Anderson, Noel, and Southwest City, said these medical benefits are a larger portion of the program than the tutoring. The benefits include providing glasses, toothbrushes, dentistry, and medicine for the program participants.

"He (the student) is not going to do well if he can't see," Sivilich said. "We want to give him the things to be able to do well at school."

He also said he enjoys tutoring more than working in the normal classroom.

"I've always enjoyed the program because you can work one on one," he said. "That's the strength of this program."

Liskey and Sivilich both agree that few parents whose children qualify for the program refuse its benefits.

"Some parents are embarrassed and don't want their child singled out," Liskey said. "It is optional."

"Very seldom do I have a person who doesn't re-enroll [in the program]," Sivilich said.

The migrant teachers must have at least 20 students in order to keep their jobs. Currently, Sivilich works with 25 students. The other migrant teachers in Anderson are Hester Haney and Karen Woods.

Spanish not essential for instruction

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PULP EDITOR

Increases of Hispanic students in a migrant education program in McDonald County has not created communication between teachers and students.

In the past year, many Hispanic students have found employment in west Missouri, and some Spanish-speaking children are enrolled in area schools.

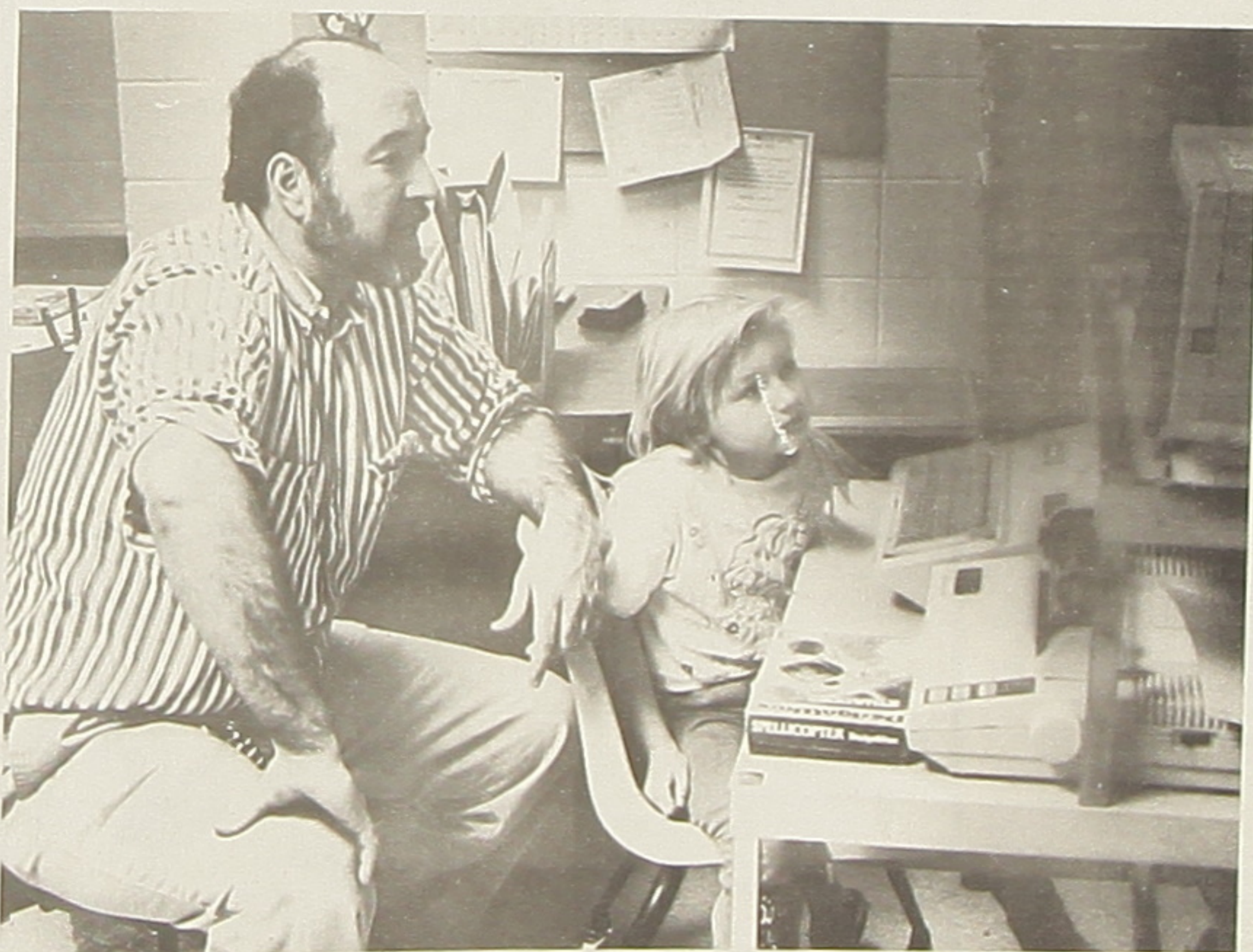
Some of the children have no Spanish skills," said Joe Harmon, elementary principal at Southwest City. "And some have very good Spanish language skills. We don't have very much experience with kids being the second language. However, teachers have not seen cross problems."

Harmon's culture doesn't interfere at all, said Rafael Sivilich, migrant teacher at Anderson, Noel, and Southwest City. "You go slower and make sure they understand directions."

Sivilich has a slight advantage over other teachers at Anderson: He speaks some Spanish. But he said he speaks English most of the time. "After we get them started," he said, "we basically speak English."

Harmon also does not believe speaking Spanish is essential for working with Hispanic students even when trying to instruct them. "A good teacher can do it without Spanish," he said.

EDUCATION WORKER



Rafael Sivilich, a migrant teacher in the McDonald County School system helps teach a migrant student to use a computer. There are currently 40 school districts in Missouri to identify migrant children, and 17 of those schools have migrant education programs available.

P.J. GRAHAM/The Chart

INS arrests nine aliens

By KAYLEA HUTSON
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Nine Mexicans no longer will be working at ConAgra Foods in Carthage after it was discovered they were illegal aliens.

According to Bon Sanders, district director for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, four of the workers were arrested on Jan. 16, when it was learned they were in possession of counterfeit alien register receipt cards and Social Security cards.

Five others were taken into custody on Jan. 24.

Of the nine taken into custody, Antonio Gonzalez, San Juan Elizabeth Gonzalez Velasquez, Juan Teodoro Gonzalez Velasquez, Amalia Alvelo Lopez, Israel Reyes Garrido, Jose Alberto Garrido, Adrian Sanchez Katz, Rafael Alvarado Renteria, and Antonio Albert Garrido, eight were subsequently returned to Mexico. One 17-year-old male was released into the custody of his parents.

"They were all employees of ConAgra," said Lt. Steve Weston of the Jasper County sheriff's office. "But none were actually taken from ConAgra at the time of the arrest."

Louis Ayers, general manager of ConAgra, said he did not have any knowledge of the illegal aliens. He said four of the workers were picked up by the police while walking on the side of the road. Their papers were found to be counterfeit.

Ayers said ConAgra does attempt to check the Mexican workers' papers to see that they are legal.

"Sure, we screen everyone," he said. "It's kind of like [if] you're not trained, you can't tell what a counterfeit \$200 bill looks like."

The INS is conducting investigations of several area companies, Sanders said.

"We are currently looking at several companies in the Jasper County, Newton County, and McDonald County areas," he said. "We expect it to be a two- to three-month investigation before it is all over."

Sanders said the INS is halfway through its investigation.

"We continue to receive a number of tips concerning illegal aliens working in this area," he said.

He said no charges have been filed against ConAgra.

"The investigation is still continuing," Sanders said.

HACKED IN THE ACT



Junior forward Rolanda Gladen is hit by Pittsburg State University's Mary Maurer, freshman center, while attempting a shot in last week's 69-66 Missouri Southern victory. Gladen led the way with 20 points.

CHAD HAYWORTH/The Chart

► MEN'S BASKETBALL

Lincoln falls to Lions, 84-67

By JEFFREY SLATTON
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After dropping a tough decision to Southwest Baptist University Saturday, the Lions rebounded last night with an 84-67 win over Lincoln University in Young Gymnasium.

The win boosts Missouri Southern's overall record to 16-4. The Lions are 6-3 in the MIAA.

"Every game is important with 10 teams fighting for eight playoff spots," said Robert Corn, head coach.

Junior forward Demarko McCullough got the Lions going early, hitting five of the first seven points to give Southern a 7-2 lead. Kenny Simpson, senior forward, then ignited the crowd by making a lay-up after getting fouled. But Simpson said something to one of the Lincoln players and was given a technical foul.

Southern led 12-10 after the exchange.

The first half was physical as each team taunted and pushed after nearly every whistle.

Lincoln battled back and took a 28-26 lead with 4:49 left in the first half. Southern quickly regained the

lead about two minutes later on junior guard Ron Joyner's lay-in on a fast-break pass from McCullough. Southern never trailed again.

The Lions scored the final 10 points of the half to lead 38-30 at intermission.

"It was like pulling teeth," said Corn about the first half. "We looked tight and really couldn't get anything going until the last four minutes of the first half."

Simpson, scoring on a follow-up in the second half, was whistled for his second technical foul of the game. The explanation from the officials was unsportsmanlike conduct. The second technical carried an automatic ejection.

Junior guard Keith Allen then took over, hitting three 3-pointers in about four minutes to put the Lions up by 12.

"I was fortunate," Allen said. "I had the shots, and I took them. We have 12 guys who can score, and whoever is open can shoot."

Lincoln entered the game averaging about 80 points per game, and Corn said holding the Blue Tigers to 67 pleased him.

"We had some big threes," he said. "Demarko, [sophomore center Chris]

Tucker, and Keith Allen all played well. Ron Joyner only had four points, but he is the catalyst for the team."

Southern moves on to play Northwest Missouri State University Saturday in Maryville.

Steve Tappmeyer, head coach, said the Bearcats, 11-8 overall and 3-6 in the MIAA, have been inconsistent to this point.

"We are developing scoring-wise, and we've been pretty decent defensively," he said. "We will definitely be underdogs going into the game."

Northwest edged Northeast Missouri State University 82-71 last night in Kirksville.

Corn said it is always a tough game in Maryville.

"They are fighting for one of the eight playoff spots as well," he said. "And they've been playing a lot better recently."

Wednesday, Southern will host the University of Missouri-Rolla at 8 p.m. in Young Gymnasium. The Lions will try to avenge a 74-64 setback Jan. 22 in Rolla.

"Robert [Corn] has done an excellent job with the team, and it's going to be a tough game," said Dale Martin, Rolla head coach.

► WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Southern drops LU
Bearkittens up next for Lady Lions

By STACY CAMPBELL
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An up-tempo Lady Lion team will meet a ball-control oriented Northwest Missouri State University squad when the two teams face off at 6 p.m. Saturday in Kirksville.

"They're big and really strong inside," said Scott Ballard, Lady Lions' head coach. "They don't play an up-tempo game and don't play high-scoring games."

Wayne Winstead, Northwest head coach, thinks his team is better than its 7-10 overall and 5-4 conference mark indicates.

"We play tough defense and have been tough on the boards," he said. "We just have not got our shots down, and the key for us is to shoot a consistent percentage from the field."

"We will have to play a good game and cut down on our turnovers."

Ballard thinks Northwest might be exploited with a press.

"Their two guards have trouble with the press sometimes," he said.

Ballard said this game is an important one for both teams.

"They play better at home than on the road, and right now this is a battle for the fourth spot in the conference."

Last night, the Lady Lions, 11-8 overall and 5-4 in MIAA play, broke a two-game losing streak and ex-

tended Lincoln University's losing streak to 18 with a 93-64 win.

Southern jumped on top early, only to fall behind before taking the lead for good with about 15 minutes remaining in the first half. Southern led 47-37 at intermission.

A 10-0 run to start the second half stretched the lead to 20, and the Tigerettes never got closer than 11 the rest of the way.

"In the second half we did better on the defensive boards and made better decisions on offense," Ballard said. "Lincoln played better than the first time we played them."

Ballard saw many positive aspects during the game.

"The kids on the bench played well from about the 12- to six-minute mark and got control of the game for us," he said. "We didn't turn the ball over as much either."

Diane Hoch, senior guard, saw a difference in this game and Southern's last two losses.

"We shot better tonight than have in the past couple of games," she said. "We had more open shots and shot better percentage shots."

"Coach Ballard told us we needed to work harder and that it wasn't an automatic win."

Renee Weih, senior forward, led the team with 22 points, including a 10 for 11 showing from the line. Tommie Horton, freshman guard, added 18.

► TRACK AND FIELD

Two qualify at Kansas

By NICK COBLE
STAFF WRITER

Two provisional qualifying times were among the highlights for the track team during Saturday's competition.

Missouri Southern fielded a partial team in the University of Kansas Relays in Lawrence.

Debbie Williams captured first in the 800-meter at 2:16.91. Williams' finish gained her a provisional qualifying time for the NCAA indoor nationals.

Her time fell only .09 short of the automatic qualifying time.

Jason Riddle placed fourth in the 5,000-meter at 14:48.01. Riddle also achieved a provisional qualifying time, but believes he must reach the automatic qualifying time of 14:36 to reach nationals.

"I think I'll have to run the automatic to get in because there are other people that can run the time," he said.

"I don't know if I'll be able to do

it this weekend, but I'll be able to do it by conference."

Riddle said ideally a teammate will serve as a "rabbit" to push him during the critical first mile.

"What I need to do is go out really hard paced and then try to hold on," he said.

In other results, Brenda Booth finished eighth in the 5,000 (19:11). In the same race, Donna Boleski did not feel well and dropped back early on.

Southern also fielded two distance medley teams, taking fifth in the women's and sixth in the men's races.

"A lot of our freshmen were put on the distance medley teams to build confidence and show them that they can run with [NCAA] Division I," said Coach Tom Rutledge. "They've got to believe that they can run with the bigger teams."

Southern will field a full team tomorrow during the Central Missouri State University Classic in Warrensburg.

► BASEBALL

Lions not satisfied

Oklahoma State is first road test

By ROD SHETLER
STAFF WRITER

After finishing 48-13 last season and runners-up at the NCAA Division II World Series, complacency might set in with some college baseball teams, but not with the Missouri Southern Lions.

"Overall I think we could be better than last year," said David Fisher, senior second baseman. "We have more power and speed than we had last year."

That should be an unsettling thought for Southern's foes after last season's .319 team batting average and 103 stolen bases, not to mention its 13-2 conference mark and 3.24 team earned-run average.

Entering the 1992 season, Southern is tied for fourth in the Division II pre-season poll with Tampa. Florida Southern is No. 1, followed by Delta State and the University of California-Riverside. The 1991 World Series champion, Jacksonville State, who defeated the Lions for the title last season, is ranked seventh.

"Our pre-season ranking will make a lot of teams shoot at us," senior pitcher Chuck Pittman, who finished last season with a 10-3 mark and a 3.29 ERA. "That is expected. Being anonymous is boring."

Southern baseball is far from being anonymous as Pittman, Fisher, and third baseman Bryan Larson were all selected as Division II All-Americans by *Collegiate Baseball* magazine, and Coach Warren Turner was named Diamond/NCAA Division II Regional Coach of the Year

by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

Turner is conservative when speaking of Southern's chances in the 1992 campaign.

"Our goal is to get back into the conference tournament again and then just wait and see what happens after that," he said. "There are a lot of good teams in the conference again this year."

Southern will have a new look at several positions as some players have graduated and others have been moved. The most notable defensive switch is Fisher being moved from his three-year spot at shortstop to second base.

"It has been a big change, but I'm looking forward to it," said Fisher, who ended the season with a .911 fielding percentage. "It's like being new all over again. The biggest difference other than changing positions is not having Tim [former second baseman Casper] over there."

"But Scott [Madden] and I are getting along really well, and things are falling into place for us."

Madden, a senior transfer from Louisiana Tech, will take over at shortstop.

Another new face for the Lions will be junior Jason Halvorson, who is expected to patrol centerfield.

"It was a little hard to adjust coming in, but this is a great atmosphere for sports and education," said the transfer from Normandale (Minn.) Community College. "Everybody gets along really well here. Larson, Fisher, and Madden do a good job in the leadership role for us."

The Lions will open their season Saturday and Sunday in Stillwater, Okla., with two games against the Oklahoma State Cowboys.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

Upcoming Games

Thurs. Feb. 6	Mon. Feb. 10	Tues. Feb. 11
6:10 - W. Wannia Boes vs Keys	6:10 - A. Cahoots vs Rookies	6:10 - R. Southern Shooters vs Nets
7:00 - R. Sid's Kids vs Oak Tree Lane	7:00 - W. Trees 'N Shrubs vs Aches & Pains	7:00 - R. Timberwolves vs SFWG
7:50 - W. Has Boens vs Posse	7:50 - A. Shacks Attack vs Posse	7:50 - R. Oak Tree Lane vs Old Timers
8:40 - R. Big 8 vs AK's	8:40 - R. Unknowns vs Chiefs	8:40 - R. ROTC vs Unknowns

Results

Tues. 1/28/92	Thurs. 1/30/92	Mon. 2/03/92
Aches & Pains 32 (Jonny Gragg 10)	30th Row 50 (Tim Grear 17)	Unknowns 34 (Danny Cutbertson 15)
Wannia Boes 30 (Jake Staggs 8)	Posse 38 (Chris Fred 11)	Oak Tree Lane 32 (Richard Van Slyke 7)
Nets 45 (Jason Echert 20)	Wogs 16 (Stacy Adams 8)	Has Boens 42 (Stacy Brown 20)
ROTC 25 (SFC Wright 10)	Epsilon 15 (Jonifer Kunel 6)	Wogs 17 (Tina Fleke 8)
Keys 27 (Anna Huerta 11)	Rookies 40 (Matt Filor 10)	Timberwolves 47 (Sean Barrett 13)
Posse 25 (Michelle McKinney 12)	Shacks Attack 27 (Walter Raza 8)	Southern Shooters 32 (Brent Hoyer 15)
Big 8 33 (Heath Tomas 18)	Trees 'N Shrubs 23 (Dana Holston 9)	Trees 'N Shrubs 34 (Stacy Harter 8)
SFWG 21 (Scott Bressler 11)	Has Boens 18 (Stacy Brown 6)	Keys 20 (Anna Huerta 12)

Freshman undecided Doug Ward, left, is pressured to pass the ball by sophomore computer science major Jeff O'Bryan and senior accounting major Brent Hoyer during an intramural game Monday.



RON FAUSS

Southern programs and fans are tops

When the Lions beat the Pittsburg State Gorillas at home last week, it was not only a win for the two basketball teams, but for the entire athletic program.

It was not a victory because we beat PSU, although the victory ranks as one of the all-time thrills in Southern athletics.

It was a victory because of the crowd. The support by the fans against PSU was nothing short of spectacular. The baseball team had a cookout two hours before the women's game. The cookout was sold out well before game time. There was big-game atmosphere in the air.

This is the way it is supposed to be. One of the baseball players said it best: "No one knows but we just made this a college."

They were undoubtedly talking about the atmosphere at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium, which was as good as ever.

One PSU fan chanted, "Real gym."

I, for one, happen to like the current gym and the atmosphere it contained against PSU. I think the Lions would have rooted for the Gorillas as soundly as they had it not been for this big atmosphere. PSU can have a tomb-like cavernous atmosphere. John Lance Arena probably hasn't seen a sell-out in 20 years.

The Southern fans were in from the floor and were vocal. They were coordinating their chants. They, in short, made it impossible for the Gorillas to concentrate on the task at hand, which was to play basketball.

Kudos to the baseball team for their support of the basketball team. They made sure the visiting team was more worried about being harassed by the fans than playing basketball.

Let us not forget, however, that this atmosphere was built overnight. In only his first year, Coach Robert Corn has done an outstanding job of building one of the top NCAA Division II basketball teams in the nation.

Scott Ballard has built his women's team into a winner in only his second season.

This is all part of an overall rebuilding job by the entire athletic program. In 1990-91, the football team, volleyball team, and both the men's and women's basketball teams had losing records. The only excitement that year was provided by the men's and baseball teams.

What a difference a year makes!

The football team finished second in the conference, the volleyball team played for the conference championship at home, and both the men's and women's basketball teams are on their way to their best seasons ever as members of the MIAA.

The baseball team has been ranked fourth in the initial pre-season poll, and softball Coach Pat Lipira returns a number of key starters to once again make a run at the final four.

If a poll were put together that combined the records of football, baseball, volleyball, and men's and women's basketball teams, Southern would be second only to Jacksonville State in winning percentage.

Southern has one of the premiere Division II athletic programs in the country, and last week it had one of the premiere atmospheres in the nation to go along with it.

Let's all work together to keep the athletic program at Southern the atmosphere at Southern games among the nation's best.

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